

Development Bureau (Works Branch)

30 June 2025

Expression of Interest for Tsim Bei Tsui and
Pak Nai, ex-Lamma Quarry and South Lantau Eco-Recreation Corridor
2/F, East Wing,
Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue,
Tamar, Hong Kong

**The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
Island & Coastal Tourism Expression of Interest Response**

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (AustCham), representing over 950 members from more than 280 companies, welcomes the opportunity to respond to this Expression of Interest Exercise. Our membership includes significant Australian companies operating globally across the finance, infrastructure, food and beverage and telecommunications sector, Australian-run SMEs operating in Hong Kong, as well as local Hong Kong conglomerates.

We recommend that any new planned island and coastal tourism development should include:

- The provision of outdoor dining facilities to be enabled by a fast-track, single-window outdoor seating licensing system to incentivise private sector investment and ensure an improved and vibrant tourism F&B offering.
- Integrated transport links. Newly developed island and coastal tourism sites need to be accessible, and the Development Bureau should ensure adequate thought and consideration is placed on public transport links including enhanced ferry services.

To incentivise and attract potential developers to invest we recommend:

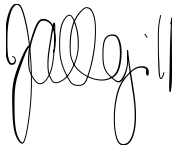
- The provision of accessible information on the technical and financial feasibility studies performed to date for these projects (perhaps through a project portal) and to provide regular updates on progress e.g. a formal quarterly market briefing.
- The provision of access to preferential financing for developers to boost market appetite for these projects given the potential higher risk of cost and long-term

financial sustainability challenges for projects balancing environmental (and cultural/heritage) conservation with commercial tourism development.

- Simplifying permitting and regulatory processes to support eco-developments and provide increased flexibility in land use to accommodate any market changes in developments.

AustCham welcomes the opportunity to work with the Hong Kong Government in the development and roll out of initiatives arising from this Expression of Interest exercise.

Yours sincerely



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