

Submissions to the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee

1.	<i>Title of the submission</i>	:	Central Harbour-front Review
2.	<i>Name of proponent</i>	:	Civic Exchange
3.	<i>Brief description of the submission</i>	:	<p>Call for a Central Harbour-front Review, including the Tamar site and a new environmental impact assessment using updated and accurate information</p> <p>The current plans for the Central waterfront are part of an urban plan developed for the north shore of Hong Kong Island in the 1980s and 1990s. Significant shortcomings have been identified with these plans, such as, little or no activity at street level, oversized land parcels and lack of diversity in land uses and ownership, no sustainable transport solution, lack of access to the waterfront, limited interface between land and water.</p> <p>If the Central OZP and Tamar project proceeds, air pollution and traffic congestion in the area will get worse. We call for a Central Harbour-front Review to engage all sections of the community to update the proposals for transport, land and marine uses in Central and to optimise the mix of open space, areas of greenery, as well as appropriate government, public and commercial developments. The Tamar site is a crucial link between Central and Wanchai, and thus needs to be included in this Review.</p>
4.	<i>Benefits and assessments of the feasibility of the submission including its impacts on and interface with the adjoining harbour-front areas, and the sustainability assessments (e.g. social, economic and environmental assessments)</i>	:	<p>The current planning process is outdated, which leads to undesirable social, economic and environmental outcomes in Hong Kong. In the case of Central OZP, ad hoc and piecemeal solutions are not solutions at all and only a review of the COZP will help create a vibrant and enjoyable harbour-front that Hong Kong could be proud of. Should a review be conducted for Central OZP, the whole harbour-front area will be considered.</p> <p>A new environmental impact assessment is called for and more accurate information about air quality in the area will be available.</p>
5.	<i>Estimated cost for implementation of the proposal</i> <i>(a) One-off</i> <i>(b) Recurrent</i>	:	About HK\$300,000 for an environmental impact assessment and about HK\$1,000,000 for a public planning process.
6.	<i>Suggested source of</i>	:	

	<i>funding</i>		
7.	<i>Time table for consultation with other statutory/advisory bodies</i>	:	Now.
8.	<i>Do you wish to make a face-to-face presentation to the HEC? If yes, please advise names and contact addresses/telephone numbers of the presenters.</i>		<p>Yes.</p> <p>Dr. Bill Barron Ms. Yan-yan YIP</p> <p>Address: Room 701, Hoseinee House, 69 Wyndham Street, Central, Hong Kong.</p> <p>Tel.: 2893 0213</p>