

# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(ACE 19/94)  
tabled on 21.3.94  
for advice

## Report of the EIA Subcommittee

Meeting on 14 March 1994

The following were discussed at the meeting:

### Terms of reference and other housekeeping items

Members agreed to the terms of reference and the proposed dates of meeting (attached). Except for the meeting on 2.5.94 which will be held in Room 1212, all future meetings will be held in Room 2116. Members also considered a list of proposed EIAs to be considered this year and agreed on the rules of operation to be followed by the subcommittee.

### EIA on the proposed extension to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Members considered the Focused EIA Study for the Extension to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The possible extension was first considered under the larger Central and Wanchai Reclamation Feasibility Study in 1989. In 1992 the Government commissioned a consultancy study to examine the infrastructural requirements for the extension.

Members focused on water quality impact, noise impact, as well as the monitoring and auditing requirements. Members requested the dust sampling frequency be increased even though the project proponent has satisfied EPD's requirements in this regard. There were also concerns about the cumulative impacts of the various projects under the larger Central and Wanchai Reclamation Project. After much discussions, the subcommittee agreed to recommend the Council to endorse the EIA report. The subcommittee also recommended the following:

- a) EPD to provide environmental assessment report of the Central and Wanchai Reclamation Feasibility Study;
- b) the project proponent be conveyed the Subcommittee's request to consider increasing the monitoring frequency on dust; and
- c) EPD to review the need to increase dust monitoring frequency for all future projects.

## EIA on the proposed Smithfield Road Extension Project

Members considered the main findings and recommendations of the EIA Study for this project. The proposed Smithfield Extension involves the construction of a road link between the Belcher Bay Link and the Pokfulam Road to cater for the future traffic flow between Western and Southern districts, particularly after the completion of the Western Harbour Crossing by 1997. The project is scheduled for construction by July 1994 and is expected to complete in approximately 34 months.

Members recommended the Council to endorse the EIA report on this project. Members also have the following recommendations:

- a) that a copy of the tree survey on the road scheme be made available to the two interested subcommittee members;
- b) that the project proponent be advised to consider the subcommittee's request to increase dust sampling frequency;
- c) that EPD review the need to increase the frequency on dust monitoring for all future projects; and
- d) that actual measurements on air quality be made at the Pokfulam Road Playground now and in the future for monitoring purpose.