

NEXT STEPS

6. A proposed action plan which aims to outline the way forward is presented as Table 14.3.

Table 14.3 Action Plan

	NT-Biased Option	HB-Biased Option	Recommended Strategy
Policy Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acceleration of EIA/TIA/DIA processes so that they parallel the preliminary design stage; • incentives for new developers to choose NT in preference to Metro Area; • high grade agricultural areas need to be conserved even in the face of financial incentives; and • ecologically sensitive and important conservation areas need protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large volumes of fill required, need to define sources of marine sand; • acceleration on completion/implementation of SSDS II • acceleration provision of new passenger rail links • appropriate mitigation measures required to address potential adverse impacts on coastal habitats and seabed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acceleration of EIA/TIA/DIA's for the New Territories. • cumulative environmental impacts to be studied.
Immediate Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWNT Sewerage Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSDS II EIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of SMP's
Proposed Studies/ Expenditure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed assessment of costs for provision of drainage/sewerage • costs associated with noise mitigation (greatest under this option because it is fragmented) • Air Quality studies with respect to traffic and industrial emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality Studies for Tuen Mun/Harbour ACZs; • Air Quality studies with respect to traffic and industrial emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality Studies for Tuen Mun and Harbour ACZs; • Air Quality studies with respect to traffic and industrial emissions

Table 14.3 Action Plan (Cont'd)

	NT-Biased Option	HB-Biased Option	Recommended Strategy
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed EIA's for provision/enhancement of water supply systems, sewerage treatment and disposal systems; • Drainage studies for low lying flood plains; • Transport/Patronage Studies; • Detailed forecasts of goods vehicles and Cross Border Movements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed EIA's for provision of new passenger rail links, further studies on the reclamations in more detail and considering cumulative impacts of mega developments, sewage treatment and disposal options; • Transport/Patronage Studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed EIA/DIAs • Transport/Patronage Studies • Detailed forecasts of goods vehicles and Cross Border Movements.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7. The Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out as part of the TDS Review, including the assessment of the medium-term options, makes it clear that there are a range of policy issues that need to be pursued as a matter of urgency and which need to be translated into real programmes, addressed through the application of the appropriate resources. Many programmes are already in place (for example, with respect to the recommendations on assessment of the assimilative capacity of receiving water bodies, initiatives are already being pursued and resources are earmarked in the Resource Allocation Exercise). However, for many of the other programmes and recommendations being put forward as a result of the TDS exercise, additional resources will be required.