

# Harbourfront Commission

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For discussion  
on 6 September 2013

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## **Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from May to August 2013.

### **WORKSHOP HELD**

#### Closed-door Workshop - 19 June 2013

2. As a follow-up to previous Task Force discussions, a closed-door workshop was held on 19 June 2013 to brief Members on (a) the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO); and (b) the provision of barrier-free access at public landing facilities within Victoria Harbour.
3. On (a) Members noted the historical background of PHO and the implications of the Court of Final Appeal's Judgement in 2004, including the "overriding public need test" as laid down in the Judgement.
4. On (b) Members unanimously supported the proposed provision of barrier-free access at public landing facilities and asked the Secretariat to further work out a concrete proposal with the relevant departments and consult the Task Force again in due course.

**Secretariat  
Task Force on Water-land Interface  
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