

Submission on the proposed establishment of a Harbourfront Authority in Hong Kong

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Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong I would like to make this brief submission supporting the proposed establishment of a Harbourfront Authority in Hong Kong.

The proposed approach as outlined in the Public Engagement Materials seems appropriate. Over the last couple of decades many New Zealand cities have embraced their waterfront for both recreation and entertainment purposes through providing a wide variety of facilities that have been designed to include natural features. Based on our experiences in New Zealand we believe that Hong Kong is not currently taking full advantage of its wonderful harbourfront for both economic and cultural benefits.

We are pleased that the experience from the Auckland Harbourfront has been shared during to the process to date in Hong Kong, including at public forums. Going forward the chamber is willing to continue liaison during the next stages of the process in HK.

We look forward to the detailed framework being provided during Phase 2 of the Public Engagement Exercise.

Regards
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on behalf of David Whitwam (Chairman)
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