

**Submission on establishment of a Harbourfront Authority**to: [hape@hfc.org.hk](mailto:hape@hfc.org.hk)

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Dear Chairman,

Friends of the Earth (HK) supports the proposed approach for the establishment of a Harbourfront Authority. Thank you for the engagement exercise to brief us. We certainly hope that the future authority is able to integrate truly sustainable and environmentally friendly features along Hong Kong's waterfront.

We envisage that the creation of the authority will lead to more holistic and sustainable city planning, more public open space, more pedestrian-only areas and eventually more emission-free-zones, so we share an interest in the possible outcome. We support the concept of, and efforts towards, bringing people to the harbour front and we hope that this will extend to those using other forms of environmentally-friendly transport such as bicycles.

We applaud the continued inclusion of representatives from environmental NGOs on the commission and hope that this will continue in the make-up of the membership of the proposed authority.

Please keep us informed of when the Phase 2 engagement exercise will begin.

Regards

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