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**Islands District Council
Traffic and Transport Committee
Paper T&TC 57/2015**

Motion against the opening of roads at South Lantau

Mr. Peter YU notifies this Council that he will propose the following motion at the Traffic and Transport Committee meeting to be held on 29 September this year:

“ This Committee discussed the paper presented by the Transport Department (“TD”) on “Review of Closed Road Arrangements in South Lantau and Proposals for Relaxation” (Paper T&TC 33/2015) at its meeting on 20 July 2015. According to the paper, the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee agreed in June 2015 to relax restrictions to enter and exit the roads in South Lantau so as to allow more coaches to enter South Lantau on weekdays and public holidays and to allow non-South Lantau residents to drive their own private vehicles to enter South Lantau during weekdays (except public holidays).

Nevertheless, the proposal for relaxation of the closed road arrangements in South Lantau is in contravention of the principle for restricting the use of roads. Considering the existing roads in South Lantau are not up to standard with narrow and sharp bends, together with the increase in population, inadequate car parking spaces and the use of the roads by animals, relaxation of the roads in South Lantau to let private vehicles outside Lantau and more coaches to enter and exit South Lantau would increase the risk of traffic accident at roads in South Lantau and hence affect the safety of all road users. It also has direct effect on the life of all the residents in Lantau.

Regardless of partial or full opening of roads in South Lantau, I suggest that the TD should first complete Traffic Impact Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment, and conduct full public consultation. As such, I propose the motion “against the opening of roads at South Lantau”. The above motion is seconded by Ms. Amy YUNG.

I request the voting should be conducted by open ballot and that the TD to attend the meeting and respond to the concerns of road users in South Lantau. ”

Islands District Council Secretariat

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