

PROVISIONAL LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Establishment of Prohibited Anchorage Area in Waters south of the
Planned Disney International Theme Park in Penny's Bay on Lantau
Island**

Purpose

This paper seeks members' endorsement on the Government's proposal to establish a prohibited anchorage area in the waters south of the planned Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD) in the Penny's Bay area in Northeast Lantau.

Background

2. Some 280 hectares of land will be reclaimed in the Penny's Bay area. The HKD will be developed in two phases. Phase 1 of the park will occupy some 126 hectares and will be expanded to some 180 hectares if phases 2 is to proceed. A public pier to be located south of the reclamation will provide visitors with direct sea access to and from the theme park.

Proposal

3. As there will be nightly fireworks display in the HKD, there is concern on safety grounds that large numbers of vessels, particularly pleasure vessels and chartered boats, may seek to anchor offshore during the nightly fireworks display. To ensure safety and for effective control of marine traffic, a prohibited anchorage area (PAA) is therefore proposed to be established south of the Penny's Bay Reclamation,

allowing only authorized vessels to anchor therein.

4. The proposed PAA extends approximately from Sze Pak in the west to Siu Kau Yi Chau to the south and to the middle part of the Western Anchorage No.1 (WA 1) in the east (Annex 1). Although anchoring in the area will be prohibited, all vessels will have the right to transit or pass through the PAA and in particular, to embark or disembark passengers at the public pier.

5. The proposed PAA will come into operation in two stages. Stage one is planned to become effective in early 2005 shortly before the expected opening of the HKD Phase 1, and stage two will only become effective when HKD Phase 2 becomes operative. The WA1 will only be affected during the Phase 2 development.

Legislative Amendment

6. To put the proposal into legislative effect, it is necessary to amend Regulation 23 and the associated Fifth Schedule of the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313).

Endorsement Sought

7. Members endorsement of the proposal outlined above is sought.

Presentation

8. This paper will be presented to members by Mr. M. K. Chan in the coming PLVAC Meeting.

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