

Hong Kong Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association's
Response to the Consultation Document for the Harbour Area Treatment(HAT)
Scheme Stage 2

1. We agree with Option A being the best option. It has many advantages above the other options, such as affordability, good water quality, less impact to other areas in Hong Kong and a concentrated development in one area, the Stonecutter Island. But the HATS System Resiliency and Tunnel/Outfall Construction Risk may need further explanation because of its low ranking in performance. The public needs to be reassured that the system meets international standards. Before making our decision in choosing the option, we had sought more information from the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau. After we had satisfied ourselves with the details of the construction of the project, then we supported Option A.

2. We agree that HAT Stage 2 should be implemented in two phases because it is easier to finance the project and we can reap the benefit of the Stage 2A within a shorter time span. Furthermore, we urge the government to start the HAT Stage 2A project as soon as possible if the project result can meet the international standards in water quality, system resiliency and tunnel/outfall construction risk.

3. We agree that protecting the water quality of Victoria Harbour is essential and we support the 'Polluter Pays Principle'.

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