



水務署  
Water Supplies Department

香港灣仔告士打道七號入境事務大樓  
Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong.

電子郵件  
e-mail

wsdinfo@wsd.gov.hk

電話  
Telephone

2829 4351

圖文傳真

2824 0578

Facsimile

檔號

(27) in WSD 1695/3/82 Pt.14

Reference

21 September 2006

The Editor

South China Morning Post (Fax Number: 2564 3746 /2516 7489)

Dear Editor,

I refer to the letter in 'take action' from Mr. Peter Millward (SCMP, September 11) complaining that the Water Supplies Department is building a security fence which blocks access to the Lantau Trail in Cheung Sha.

The proposed fence is being erected at the entrance to a staircase which leads only to our Cheung Sha Water Treatment Works uphill. At present, there is a gate at the entrance to prevent free public access to the Treatment Works. A notice board has also been put up to inform the public accordingly. However, some members of the public do by-pass the gate, go up the staircase and walk along a narrow path outside the boundary fence of the treatment works as a short-cut from Cheung Fu Street to the catchwater road further uphill of the treatment works.

The proposal to fence off the entrance is for the protection of public safety. In view of the concern of the public, we are prepared to re-consider the proposal. In the meantime, we shall carry out some minor improvement works to the narrow path to meet our operational requirements. As such improvements will still fall short of the standard of a public access, we shall put up a notice at the entrance to the access to remind whoever entering it that he is entering a maintenance access and that he should mind his steps for his own safety.

We will monitor the situation closely and consider taking further action as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

(SUEN Kwok Keung)

Senior Engineer/Public Relations

Water Supplies Department