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To:<views@cab-review.gov.hk>
Subject:Dear Sirs,

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Re: Views on the Constitutional Consultation:

The transport functional constituency has over 40 votes, or almost 25% of its total constituents of 191 associations and trade organizations, accruing to Public Light Buses and Taxi operators and associations, yet it has one vote for both the KCR and MTR.

This goes, in my opinion, a considerable way towards explaining why road still gets preference over rail in Hong Kong when in comes to transport policy as the representative of this functional constituency is a member of the Liberal Party and heads the Legco panel on transport.

In such an important area of economic activity and public poicy the fact that the constituency is skewed heavily in favour of outdated modes of transport has very important political implications, as Buchanan's public choice theory would imply.

The weighting of the votes of the constituents in this particular constuency should reflect the proportion of Hong Kong people that use the respective mode of transport, for domoestic services, while for services tah operate offshore such as the container and shipping traffic, thes votes could be weighted according to the offshore volumes that they handle.

The absurdity of the system used to elect the transport representative in this functional constituency is reflected by the fact that the Xiamen United Exprees Company and the Concrete Producers Association of Hong Kong have collectively the same proportionate say in electing the represenative of the sector as our two rail companies have.

I suggest that the KCR and MTR are more representatiive of the people than these two organizations and, as improved representation is the professed aim of this constitutional exercise, I hope that you will specifically accept that this structure is absurd.

Kind Regards

(Name Provided)

(Editor's Note: The sender requested anonymity.)

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