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## **Submission on Proposal of Raising Fixed Penalty for Traffic Offences**

In regard to recent discussion of increase existing fixed penalty for traffic offences in Panel on Transport of Legislative Council, New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited would like to express our view on the captioned subject.

Since our buses share use the road space with other vehicles, our operations is greatly affected by changes of road conditions, especially the illegal boarding and alighting activities in on-street bus bays, and illegal parking in designated bus parking space for franchised buses, etc., which seriously disturb our route operations and overnight parking arrangement.

From our view of daily bus operations and general traffic management, our company supports the proposal of raising fixed penalty for traffic offences. Instead of "one-off" penalty adjustment, we suggest government should increase the penalty by phases to enhance acceptance from general public. We believe increase of fixed penalty can give a clear message to drivers, especially on private car drivers, should strictly comply with traffic regulations in order to restore traffic congestion and enhance our service reliability.

At the same time, we appreciate relevant government departments can review bus and coach parking space supply in order to avoid our buses forced to either park in improper location or perform boarding and alighting activities in unsafe manner.

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