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Cruise Port Referendum Cayman

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The Premier, Hon Alden M McLaughlin Jr MBE JP MLA

By Email

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His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, OBE

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Hon Ministers of Cabinet

Hon Members of the Legislative Assembly

Elections Supervisor Mr Wesley Howell

Auditor General Ms Sue Winspear, CPFA

Dear Honourable Premier McLaughlin,

We write to you in good faith at the conclusion of the petition verification process for our nation's first People-Initiated Referendum to seek your assurances of due process, in the interest of all Caymanians and the sanctity our Islands' democracy.

It is imperative that the Caymanian people have the opportunity to make a fully informed decision at the polls on the Government's proposed cruise berthing facility, and we request your assurances that the following information and reports, at a minimum, will be concluded and made public, sufficiently in advance of the referendum on this matter of significant national importance.

1. the revised cruise berthing and cargo port design
2. the updated environmental impact assessment of revised design
3. the final business case report
4. full details of the proposed financing arrangements with Verdant Isle Port Partners

Our request to you follows our correspondence with Governor Roper on 9 September 2019 on the same subject and his suggestion that your Government are best placed to provide this information.

These assurances have also been sought in letters from CPR Cayman's legal counsel Broadhurst Attorneys-at-Law dated 9 August 2019 and 26 August 2019 to the Elections Office, H.E. Governor Roper and the Attorney General's Chambers.

We are sure that you and your Honourable Members of Cabinet will agree that holding our first People-Initiated Referendum without full disclosure of all pertinent information to the voting public would be a miscarriage of justice, failure of due diligence and set a dangerous precedent for participatory democracy in the Cayman Islands.

We look forward to your detailed reply and receiving a comprehensive breakdown on the next steps in the People-Initiated Referendum process with related details on the timelines of the process which will be directed by the Cabinet of the Cayman Islands Government.

Yours sincerely,

CPR Cayman