

The Star

4 November 1982

A protest on the dotted line...

ABOUT 2,000 Tuenmun residents this morning signed a petition opposing a proposed increase in hoverferry fares.

The two-hour signature campaign was organised by a pressure group called the Concerned Tuenmun Transport Joint Conference.

A spokesman for the group said the campaign was aimed at arousing the attention of all Tuenmun residents on the issue.

The signature drive was held at the Tuenmun ferry pier between 7 am and 9 am.

It will be expanded to include housing estates in the area on Sunday.

The group hopes to collect 10,000 signatures which will be submitted to the Government.

Besides opposing a fare increase, the group also wants the Hongkong Yaumati Ferry Company to publish its accounts of the Tuenmun-Central service.

It urged the Government to seek public opinion before deciding on the company's application for a fare rise.

The ferry company has applied to increase the fare for the Tuenmun route from \$6 to \$7.

Secretary for Transport Alan Scott paid a brief visit to the Tuenmun pier this morning when the signature campaign was being held.