

22 March 2012

Hon Chan Hak-kan
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Legislative Council
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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Dear Mr Chan,

**Re: Reduce, Recycle and Proper Waste Management
LegCo EA Panel Discussion on 26 March 2012**

We would like to present a few ideas for Panel Members to consider when considering the Government's request for support for proposal to build the Integrated Waste Management Facilities (IWMF) and to extend Hong Kong's landfills.

1. **Reclamation Works:** We urge legislators to press the government that the **reclamation should be the minimum necessary**, as causing the least alteration near Shek Kwu Chau is just common sense.
2. **Incineration:** **We believe incineration must be a part of a comprehensive waste management plan for Hong Kong.**
3. **Incineration Technology:** There are numerous technologies available worldwide, each with specific capabilities, relative technological pros and cons, and different cost structures. As non-technicians, we appreciate legislators need to rely on professional advice to understand the relative benefits of the different technologies. The government has chosen what it believes to be the most widely used technology that can treat a large quantity of waste on a daily basis. **The advantage of dependability is important when seen against the context of where the risk may lie if Hong Kong were to try another technology.** Legislators need to consider what may be the degree of risk to Hong Kong in using a technology where a degree of experimentation is needed.
4. **Comprehensive waste management plan:** Some NGOs have argued that the government's overall plan is not comprehensive enough and that the current funding proposal for the IWMF and extension of landfills should not be approved. We believe the Panel should make a decision on whether it supports the current proposal or not so that important parts of an overall plan can move ahead. In addition, the EA Panel may make it known to the new Chief Executive to impress upon him that waste reduction needs to be a top priority within the new administration taking power on 1 July 2012.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,
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