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To: Clerk to Subcommittee on Fixed Penalty (Criminal Proceedings) (Amendment)
From: Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong)
Date: 20 November, 2000.

Re: Written submission on New Level of Fixed Penalty for Smoky Vehicles

Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong) supports the government to increase the level of fixed penalty for smoky vehicles from \$450 to \$1000. We believe that this is the way to make vehicle owners maintain their vehicles properly to avoid emitting excessive pollution to the environment, which adversely affects our health and the economy. Air pollution has cost much to the Hong Kong society in terms of health problems, decreased productivity and lost business, and we should control air pollution immediately to avoid further degradation of our environment. Vehicle owners should therefore be fined if they do not take good care of their vehicles, and this is the spirit of the "Polluters Pay Principle". In fact, more than 90% of the vehicles checked have passed the requirements and there is no excuse for the remaining vehicles owners for not complying with the standard. We also urge the government to consider suspending vehicle licenses of repeated offenders within a certain short period of time so that the regulation could be more effectively enforced.



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