

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs
Meeting on 24 June 2002**

Submission relating to the Proposed Landfill Charging Scheme

1. I support the Proposed Charging Scheme. The support is not only based on the “polluters pay principle” but is also based on the fundamental principle that a waste disposal (landfill) charge is an integral part of an integrated waste management system. It will provide economic incentives to waste producers to reduce and recycle wastes. Without this charge, most of the efforts currently devoted to waste minimization and recycling, both by the private and public sectors, will not succeed.
2. The proposed scheme, which imposes a charge only on C&D waste, should be viewed as the first step. Measures should be taken to extend the charge also to domestic, commercial and industrial wastes in the future.
3. As regards the proposed charging arrangements, I am aware that there are still a lot of controversies. Based on my knowledge on practices in other parts of the world, waste collectors, who provide a service to waste generators, are generally responsible for collecting the charge and pay at the “gate” of the disposal facilities.

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