

**LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs
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Written submission provided by the Waste Reduction Committee

The Waste Reduction Committee fully supports landfill charging in Hong Kong as it is an important component of a sustainable waste management system. Landfill charging will provide direct economic incentives for the community to reduce waste. Without landfill charging, it would not be possible to achieve the waste reduction targets as set out in the Waste Reduction Framework Plan. At present, free waste disposal poses unfair competition to recovery and recycling. With landfill charging, the recycling industry will benefit with more business opportunities as the waste producers will be more willing to pay for waste separation and recycling.

The Waste Reduction Committee considers that landfill charging should be introduced as soon as possible. The Committee also supports that charging be applied to construction waste initially with a view to including other types of waste in the near future.

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