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Dear Madam

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Written Submission**

The Hong Kong Waste Management Association (HKWMA) is the premier organisation representing professionals in Hong Kong's solid waste management industry. We take an active interest in the effects of changes to our industry and we believe that the proposed new Environment Bureau and restructuring of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) could impact future waste management in Hong Kong.

There are a number of pressing waste management issues in Hong Kong at this time, including the current need for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) charging, the need to move forward on implementing the Integrated Waste Management Facilities as outlined in Government's "*A Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014)*" and the need to deal more effectively with construction waste. These will require strong technical ability as well as political leadership to resolve.

At the request of the Environmental Protection Officer Branch (EPOB) of the Chinese Civil Servants' Association, we have reviewed the proposed restructuring as it affects waste management. The majority of HKWMA Members are supportive of the position held by EPOB which, we understand, will be presented to the Panel. HKWMA believes that to move towards more sustainable waste management will require technical know-how as well as political solutions from within Government. As such, HKWMA believes that experienced environmental professionals with a technical background have a valuable role to play, particularly in terms of translating policy into action, and should be represented at the highest levels within the new Bureau and within the re-organised EPD.

We trust that HKWMA's views will be given due consideration by the Panel.

Yours Faithfully
for Hong Kong Waste Management Association

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