

Date: January 13, 2008

To: Legco Panel on Environmental Affairs

Re: Public consultation on banning idling vehicles with running engines

Dear Honorable Members,

I fully support a full ban on idling engines under all circumstances ...

There's nothing more dangerous, wasteful and damaging to our eco system than hypertensive driving when you compare how many vehicles there are, running at any given time, in the world. Add to this trains, ships and planes and the volumes of pollutants etc., become quite daunting.

All individuals have a moral responsibility to all other living things to do their best to conserve energy and to help reduce global warming. The Earth is in distress, thus the human race is in danger. We must act and act in an effective manner as fast as we can.

Furthermore, we should all realise that the vast majority of vehicles pollute the atmosphere / damage our eco system, in a number of different ways:

- (a) **Toxic exhaust gas pollution.**
- (b) Carbon dioxide.
- (c) Raw heat from the engine, transmission and brakes.
- (d) Fine particles from tyres and brake friction linings, as they wear out.
- (e) Release of Hydro-carbons due to evaporation whilst fueling.
- (f) Emissions from the car body coating, especially during hot days.
- (g) Vehicles also wear the road surface they run on and so more particles are lifted into the air.

All of these change the nature of the air we must all breath, making it hazardous to the well-being / health of all living creatures.

Therefore, I fully support a ban on idling engines as one of the ways of reducing some of the more serious negative effects of vehicle use.

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