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Submission from WWF

WWF considers that amending the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO) (Chapter 354) is only one of the possible enhanced measures to combat fly-tipping. It is important for the Government to review other measures, such as the imposition of heavier penalties, and the amendment of the Town Planning Ordinance to plug the loophole of the lack of enforcement power in areas of conservation land use zoning without a Development Permission Area Plan under the Town Planning Ordinance (Refer to our submission LC Paper No. CB(1) 1503/08-09(02) for details). Our comments regarding to the proposal by the Environmental Protection Department paper (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1094/09-10(01)) are as follows:

- (a) The enforcement officers are required to respond swiftly in order to catch the offenders red-handed in order to initiate the prosecution process. As such, WWF urges the Government to enhance the enforcement mechanism by deploying more manpower resources and enhancing the coordination with the Hong Kong Police Force to respond to complaints, or even proactively patrolling the fly-tipping black spots. In addition, the Government should install more close circuit televisions to monitor more fly-tipping black spots and ensure immediate response to suspected fly-tipping activities.
- (b) The application document with clear maps showing the exact boundary for land filling should be allowed for public inspection such that the public can help to monitor if the filling activities are restricted within the application sites.

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(c) The proposed exemption on small-scale deposition will increase the difficulties in enforcement as well as creating confusion to the public. In practice, it may require lots of administrative effort to monitor the cumulative size of a dumping area over a period of time, in particular if the dumping area spreads over a number of small-sized lots. As such, we consider that all depositor of C&D waste should seek written permission from the landowner. Having said that, the Government may streamline the internal administrative process on those small-scale depositions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Leung', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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