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Submission regarding the failed Pre-Euro, Euro-1 and propose Euro-II grant.

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Dear LegCo members.

Do not extend this failed one-off program – or create a new one. They don't work, they drive up the price of a second hand polluting vehicle, keeping the vehicle on the road **longer** instead of getting it off the road early. The programs are such failures that the EPD has for a decade had to keep coming back and asking for extinctions, as it did for this program. "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results"

Why, when you have proof that these programs are failures, has LegCo historically continued to waste our money on them? Legco has no evidence that even one vehicle was taken off the road **early**, because of these "incentive" program.

The EPD cannot take credit for businesses buying new vehicles. That happens anyway.

Also, why is this "incentive" money going through four intermediaries? The manufacturer, the seller and the owner and the previous owner. Each takes a cut along the way, visible or not. That is the way capitalism works. Why is public money laundered so many times in these programs?

As to Euro-II vehicles, if you start this program, you can guarantee that there will be no Euro-II taken off the – early – until the very end of the program, if then. The EPD and LegCo will be shocked that there is so little uptake, the program will be extended and – again – the result will be the exact opposite of the intention. The most effective, and cost-effective program, is to require pre-Euro and Euro-I vehicles to be tested three times a year for emissions by the EPD.

You know this. You have the evidence in front of you. The mystery is why you continue to fund these wasteful, useless programs.

Regards,

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Mini Spotters promotes environmental stewardship to ensure safer neighbourhoods and smarter transportation choices that enhance the economy, improve public health and promote social equity for the betterment of Hong Kong.

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