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Clerk to Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2003 Legislative Council Secretariat 3/F Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Central

(Attn: Mrs Mary Tang)

Dear Mrs Tang,

Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2003

On behalf of the Waste Subcommittee under the Advisory Council on the Environment, I would like to express the Subcommittee's full support for early implementation of the construction waste disposal charging scheme.

The Subcommittee supports the charging scheme, which aims to provide an economic incentive for waste producers to reduce waste generation, and to facilitate reuse and recycling. Although the charging scheme might aggravate the problem of illegal waste disposal, the Subcommittee understands that the Government will implement new measures and enhance enforcement to strengthen control against such activities. Moreover, the Subcommittee considers that the proposed waste disposal charges would have minimal impact on the members of the public who undertake renovation works.

Yours sincerely,

(Prof CS Poon) Chairman, Waste Subcommittee Advisory Council on the Environment

c.c. Secretary, Advisory Council on the Environment