

To: Clerk to Panel
(Attn: Miss Mandy Poon)
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Re: Management of Municipal Solid Waste

Regarding the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014), we have the following comments;

1. In principle, the Association supports the Policy Framework.
2. The Government should raise public awareness and increase their understanding on the rationale and execution of the policy by staging adequate education and publicity programmes. The Government may consider using communications channels such as road shows, seminars, District Board Committees, TV and print media.
3. The Administration should give incentives to major waste producers (such as industrial manufactures / large estate residents) for reducing solid waste production at source.
4. The Government should provide adequate space to accommodate the recycling contractors as massive waste collection and processing may cause obstruction and disturbance to citizens.
5. Any waste charging imposed on waste producers should not be too high when the policy is first launched. The levy could be raised gradually.
6. To ensure the policy could be launched smoothly, the Government must strive for full support of all recycling contractors, cleaning contractors and other relevant stakeholders.
7. Housing Department / Housing Society could play an active and leading role in the implementation process of this policy to urge sector participation.
8. Lastly, adequate and reasonable statutory backups such as relevant incentives and penalty must be imposed to increase the feasibility of this policy.

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