

To: **M. POON - Submission to Panel on Environmental Affairs 29th April**
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The Hong Kong Government has endorsed (WRONGLY) presentations made by Green groups and the Civic Party that human produced CO₂ is a problem. The Government justifies nuclear power as one leading way of reducing CO₂ emissions.

Most of the government justifies its position based on data from the IPCC – data which has now been proved false.

Human produced CO₂ is not a driver of climate change. CO₂ is not the cause of bad air quality. Reducing CO₂ is the wrong answer. Rather, more CO₂ is necessary for plant and agricultural growth needed to feed the world's growing population. Reducing or capturing CO₂ is expensive, consumes resources and drives up energy prices – creating serious harm to the poor. It can also lead to an unhealthy rush towards nuclear.

If the government genuinely believes CO₂ is a problem and that nuclear is the answer TWO debates are urgently needed:

1. **THIS HOUSE BELIEVES HUMAN PRODUCED CO₂ IS NOT A PROBLEM**
2. **THIS HOUSE BELIEVES NUCLEAR POWER IS SAFE AND NECESSARY**

Additionally, all government members, LEGCO members and LEGCO speakers if they fly, drive motorised vehicles or live and work in an air conditioned buildings and state 'CO₂ is a problem' should be banned from speaking in LEGCO (if they believe CO₂ is a problem – why create it?)

Both **debates are critical and should be carried out using two top qualified speakers for and against each motion – they should take place in LEGCO and be televised.** **This will allow advocates with REAL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING** of both these critical issues to present their best case and for any weakness in their logic to be exposed through cross examination. Unfortunately the government has allowed these crucial issues to be driven by those groups lacking knowledge. As a responsible government I urge that you sanction **BOTH** these debates immediately.

Additionally, I submit the following articles: (not attached)

1. 'Carbon Dioxide Feeds the World' John Robertson OBE (retired Cambridge University Scientist)
2. 'The devastating book which debunks climate change' C. Booker