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Subject In support of Total trawling Ban in Hong Kong

Legislative Council Panel
Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
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To whom it may concern:

I am a Hong Kong Permanent Resident who is working in a UK-based marine conservation NGO in Fiji. I work with members of the Fijian marine protection area network and the local communities to protect Fiji's ocean resources through the establishment of Marine Protected Areas. I would like to voice my support for the total trawling ban in Hong Kong waters as announced in the Chief Executive's latest policy address.

I hope the government will see the urgency in implementing the ban, and in addition, establish Marine Protected Areas for the long-term sustainability of the ocean's resources. Future sustainable and profitable fisheries would then be a possibility with the trawl ban due to the revival of marine life through habitat protection. Proper management and zoning of Marine Protected Areas would also allow public enjoyment of the ocean's resources in perpetuity and create economic revenues.

I also urge for governmental support in the provision of resources and schemes to facilitate the transition of marine fishers affected by the trawling ban to alternative livelihoods.

Hong Kong's commitment in environmental conservation should move in tandem with its remarkable economic achievements. Trawling ban has long been a staple feature in the legislations in many developed and developing countries but has been lacking in our environmental legislation. By your prompt actions in implementing a total trawling ban and the establishment of Marine Protection Areas, Hong Kong will leave a legacy that can only be beneficial and constructive to future generations.

Yours Sincerely,

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