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Clerk to Bills Committee on Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2013

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Members of the public give views on the Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2013.

Amended Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) sets out the new Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs") that will come into effect on 1 January 2014 and to provide for the continued application of the old AQOs for applications for variations of Environmental Permits ("EP") submitted before 1 January 2017, where the EP concerned was issued before 1 January 2014, and also proposes to repeal the power of the Secretary for the Environment to promulgate AQOs in a technical memorandum and to provide for the periodic review of AQOs at least once every 5 years. Having read content of the Bill and relevant information on website of the Legislative Council at: <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr12-13/english/bc/bc04/general/bc04.htm> , I would like to express our views on the Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill 2013.

AQOs, EP and periodic review of AQOs have no special comments other than the power of the Secretary is repealed for the Environment to promulgate AQOs in a technical memorandum. In content of the Bill and relevant information on website of the Legislative Council, no rationale and its purpose mention why the power of the Secretary is repealed for the Environment to promulgate AQOs in a technical memorandum. It is better and ideal that bills committee explain rationale and its purpose to the public on coming meeting dated 25 May 2013 in conference room 1 of the legislative council complex.

Thanks your kind attentions.



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