

**Special Meeting of LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs  
Saturday, 1 June, 2013**

**Environmental Infrastructure Projects**

- (i) 5163DR: Northeast New Territories (NENT) landfill extension**
- (ii) 5164DR: Southeast New Territories (SENT) landfill extension**
- (iii) 5165DR: West New Territories (WENT) landfill extension**

Some twenty years ago, EPD published a Paper “Waste Reduction Framework Plan”. Some ten years ago, the then SETW (Secretary for the Environment Transport and Works) published another Paper on solid wastes. Now the ENB published the third policy Paper “Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” dealing with solid wastes reduction with special emphasis on the extension of the three landfill sites and an incinerator.

Without disrespect to the Government Agencies, the three Papers are substantially the same in contents and I must ask why more twenty years had been wasted in achieving none of the recommendations in the two earlier Papers.

With reference to other cities that produce smaller per capita waste and even with the best and most advanced measures, the solid wastes in Hong Kong are not going to disappear. By doing nothing in the past twenty years, the solid waste problem is now serious and urgent. People are living in a fool’s paradise in thinking and saying that we can do without extension of the landfills as an interim measure and building incinerators in the medium and long terms.

We therefore fully support what had been presented in the “Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” in general and the funding for the extension of the three landfills in particular.

We would further emphasize that the Government must not repeat the inaction on the two earlier Papers and proceed with implementation of this Blueprint with vigour and determination.

We have no time to waste, and no action is not an option.

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