

Legislative Council Meeting  
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Dear Honourable Members,

Having been a Secondary History teacher for over 20 years in Australia and Hong Kong I have seen one recognizable thread in all the History ever told, and that is, Radical Change.

The Legislators here today have made many wise decisions in the past, making Hong Kong a spectacular place to live. The world sees Hong Kong as the hub of Transportation and Business. We must continue this legacy of being leaders and you have an opportunity to be at the forefront of Waste Management.

We must change the way we view waste and instead of seeing it as a problem, we should see it as an asset, as per the recent publication by the European Environmental Bureau. Europe is turning the corner at how they deal with waste. Instead of doing what they did 10 years ago (Incineration) we can start with what is current (Gasification) ensuring an immediate impact on Hong Kong. This has been proven by companies like Solena (please refer to the attached document). Solena can make Bio Fuel from all our Municipal Solid Waste (3000 tonnes per day) There is no residue or ash that needs to go to landfill. Some of the worlds largest airlines are now customers. It is a reality that could be implemented within a few years (ahead of schedule from the EPD's Municipal Solid Waste plan and well under budget). Instead of a Mega Incinerator burning the Government profits away, we could be making Bio Fuel and providing thousands of jobs for our citizens.

Your inspiration for becoming a Legislator was to make a difference for the people you represent. Nelson Mandela is quoted saying, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." You are our leaders. You are our future. Be the change that makes History. Waste is an asset. Lets use it, not lose it.

Sincerely



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