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AGAINST Incinerator at Shek Kwu Chau

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Dear Government

I am pleased to again have an opportunity to remind you of the folly of the idea of siting a waste management plant and incinerator on Shek Kwu Chau.

As the Environmental Protection Department finally admitted in January, the original proposal for this incinerator was based on their FALSE STATISTICS and MISLEADING CLAIMS concerning recycling conducted in Hong Kong on waste generated in Hong Kong (which explains the continued lack of response to my requests to Mr Elvis Au to provide details of exactly what he states has been recycled).

In addition, the Environmental Protection Department has deliberately ignored the fact that waste is IMPORTED into Hong Kong, compounding the underlying issue that they are supposedly seeking to address.

In its dogged determination to forge ahead with the incinerator, another factor ignored by the Environmental Protection Department is the RESIDUAL ASH that will be produced by the suggested incineration process. This ash will need to be disposed of in LANDFILL.

And to add to the list of alarming facts that the Environment Protection Department has chosen to ignore is the HEALTH HAZARD presented by the EMISSIONS of airborne particles from the incineration process that will be carried on the winds in all directions ~ including towards residential areas and leisure areas to damage the health of Hong Kong's people and visitors.

There is something fundamentally wrong in barging tonnes of waste across a sea, incinerating it using old technology, wilfully causing harmful emissions and creating tonnes of toxic ash to be barged back over the sea again to landfill. Not only does this create double handling (at the tax payers' expense) but increases risk in an area prone to typhoons, heavy rains and strong tides.

I would like to direct you to the very well written letter attached and ask that you do address the 6 questions that have been raised in a thorough manner. Please turn your consideration away from vested interests, saving face and, instead, focus on what is right for Hong Kong's people, Hong Kong's Environment, Hong Kong's Visitors and Hong Kong's future.

Please do the right thing and STOP THE INCINERATOR ON SHEK KWU CHAU

Please look at SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Please step up education to raise awareness and improve facilities so that we can all REDUCE RECYCLE AND RE-USE.

Thank you for your consideration

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