

15 th March. 2014

Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
2/F Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Express views on Environmental infrastructure projects (3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1)

Introduction

The paper CB(1)931/13-14(01) invites the public to express views on Environmental infrastructure projects (a) 5163DR: Northeast New Territories landfill extension; (b)5164DR: Southeast New Territories landfill extension; (c) 5165DR: West New Territories landfill extension; and (d)5177DR: Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1). Its paper seeks for approval at Finance Committee (FC) and submits proposals for consideration by the LegCo PWSC in April 2014 with a view to seeking the FC's approval in May 2014 as well.

Literature review

Having reviewed paper CB(1)931/13-14(01), our centre staff summary main points that:

- 1) measures will benefit the community around SENT Landfill and the community as a whole
- 2) since February 2011, over 2 500 concerned people and about 60 groups/ organizations had been met and 70 meetings attended to explain the need for the project and to address their queries on various aspects of the project

Methodology

In order to provide accurate views on captioned issue, our centre staff adopted a method of convenient sampling via email tested 3 hypotheses (1. interviewees do not know Environmental infrastructure projects sufficiently and clearly 3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1, 2.the mass media always report nuisances caused by operation of landfills and the refuse collection vehicles to the neighbouring environment, and 3. the Environmental infrastructure projects lack adequate public consultations and promotions) and sent an email (please refer to appendix 1). All interviewees can read and understand English, as well as local people.

Findings

No one replied my email dated 11-3-2014 with email on or before deadline. Without interviewees response with e-mail, our staff assume that interviewees agreed 3 hypotheses (1. interviewees do not know Environmental infrastructure projects sufficiently and clearly 3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1, 2.the mass media always report nuisances caused by operation of landfills and the refuse collection vehicles to the neighbouring environment, and 3. the Environmental infrastructure projects lack adequate public consultations and promotions)

Analysis & Discussion

1) according to above findings and information, our staff would like to say that 1) it is questions that measures claimed in paper CB(1)931/13-14(01) will benefit the community around SENT Landfill and the community as a whole. The mass media always report nuisances caused by operation of landfills and the refuse collection vehicles to the neighbouring environment. Hong Kong people from a range of groups and places across the territory are strongly opposed to the Hong Kong government's plans to build a waste incinerator on an artificial island beside Shek Kwu Chau. This massive project has huge implications for Hong Kong – and yet most people know very little about it. Even before the project's environmental impact assessment process was concluded, the Environmental Protection Department jumped straight to preparing for dredging and reclamation beside Shek Kwu Chau, to build one of the world's biggest – and most expensive – incinerators.

2) since February 2011, over 2 500 concerned people and about 60 groups/ organizations had been met and 70 meetings attended to explain the need for the project and to address their queries on various aspects of the project in paper CB(1)931/13-14(01) claimed. Nevertheless, interviewees do not know Environmental infrastructure projects sufficiently and clearly 3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1. It can be concluded that the Environmental infrastructure projects seem to lack adequate public consultations and promotions. Under incomprehensive and inadequate consultation, interested stakeholders and someone lead to resistances, e.g. the mass media always report nuisances caused by operation of landfills and the refuse collection vehicles to the neighbouring environment. In implementation process the finals are disharmonic phenomenon and extreme resistances as a result

Recommendations

1) based on current social phenomenon, a theoretical concept---Change management---is recommended for consideration to solve coming disharmonic phenomenon and resistances. Change management is an approach to shifting/transiting individuals, teams, and organizations from a current state to a desired future state. It is a process aimed at helping change stakeholders to accept and embrace changes in their environment. Relevant departments e.g. Planning department, Department bureau and etc establishes funding like Sustainable Development Fund, public environmental education fund etc for different parties e.g. concern groups, to promote the project and educate the public in order to help for resistances minimized and disharmonic phenomenon

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2) causing a lot of disagreement, many people have strong opinions about the controversial project being discussed. Paper CB(1)931/13-14(01) claimed over 2 500 concerned people and about 60 groups/ organizations had been met and 70 meetings attended to explain the need for the project and to address their queries on various aspects of the project. To shifting/transitioning individuals, teams, and organizations from a current state to a desired future state, Engagements and promotions for different stakeholders in Environmental infrastructure projects (3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1) are better to be widened. Appendix 2 is good example to help from resistances in various stakeholders to support in previous Government project

Thank your for your kind attention

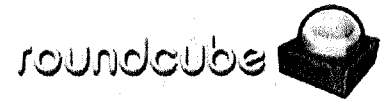
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Encl. appendix 1-2

**Express your views on Environmental
infrastructure projects (3 landfill extension and
Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase
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主旨

寄件者

Appendix 1

密件副本

日期 2014-03-11 17:24

Dear All,

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My registered society (academic research center) is invited by Panel on Environmental Affairs of legislative council regarding views from the public on Environmental infrastructure projects ((a) 5163DR: Northeast New Territories landfill extension; (b)5164DR: Southeast New Territories landfill extension; (c) 5165DR: West New Territories landfill extension; and (d)5177DR: Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1).

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The purpose of this e-mail collects your views. After reading paper CB(1)931/13-14(01) of legislative council, I adopt a method of convenient sampling with email and make 3 questions (hypotheses), conduct objective analysis and form a generalization as a result for Panel on Environmental Affairs of legislative council.

Please respond below questions. Without your respond with e-mail, I assume that your answers belong to 'Yes'. Thank you.

Q1: Do you agree that you do not know Environmental infrastructure projects sufficiently and clearly (3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1)?

Q2: Do you agree that the mass media always report nuisances caused by operation of landfills and the refuse collection vehicles to the neighbouring environment?

Q3; Do you agree that the Environmental infrastructure projects lack adequate public consultations and promotions?

Q4: others. Welcome any views

Please respond prior to 14 th March 2014. Without your respond with e-mail, I assume that your answers belong to 'Yes'. It is good opportunity to express your views / concerns to panel on environmental affairs of legislative council for our present and next generation.

Regarding the Environmental infrastructure projects (3 landfill extension and Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1), please click <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr13-14/english/panels/ea/papers/ea0224cb1-931-1-e.pdf> for more details.

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APPENDIX II

Appendix 2

Supporting Organisations

To widen the scope of engagement with different sectors of the community, SDC has invited organisations from a wide range of sectors to be supporting organisations of this public engagement exercise, where they will help disseminate information/messages about the engagement exercise to their members; promote the engagement exercise in their activities and programmes; and to encourage their members to participate and provide views and comments. The list of supporting organisations is as follows -

Domestic and Recycling Sectors

Environmental Contractors Management Association
Hong Kong Housing Society
Hong Kong Recycle Materials & Re-production Business General Association
Hong Kong Waste Disposal Industry Association
The Federation of Hong Kong Property Management Industry Limited
The Federation of Public Housing Estates
The Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies
The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Urban Renewal Authority

Commercial & Industrial Sectors

Business Environment Council
Federation of Hong Kong Industries
Federation of Hong Kong Kowloon New Territories Hawker Associations
French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Hong Kong
Hong Kong Catering Industry Association
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Association
Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
Hong Kong Retail Management Association
Hong Kong Small & Medium Enterprises General Association
Hong Kong Small and Medium Enterprises Association
The Association for the Hong Kong Catering Services Management Ltd.
The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce
The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
The Federation of Environmental and Hygiene Services
The Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners
The Hong Kong Chinese Importers' & Exporters' Association
The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business

Green Groups, Education Sectors, Public Authorities, Professional Organisations, Medical & Health Sectors and Non-governmental Organisations (NGO)

Airport Authority Hong Kong
Bo Charity Foundation
Breakthrough Limited
Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Hong Kong
Building Services Operation and Maintenance Executives Society
Centre of Architectural Research for Education, Elderly, Environment and Excellence Limited
Chartered Institute of Housing (Asia Pacific Branch)
City University of Hong Kong
EarthCare
Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong
Foodlink Foundation Limited
Footprint
Green Council
Green Sense
Greeners Action
Greenpeace
Heung Yee Kuk New Territories
Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association
Hong Kong Baptist University
Hong Kong Dental Association
Hong Kong Doctors Union
Hong Kong Federation of Women
Hong Kong Green Building Council
Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance
Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate

Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design
Hong Kong Organic Waste Recycling Centre
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited
Hong Kong Productivity Council
Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council
Hong Kong Waste Management Association
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited
Hong Kong Women Workers' Association
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
Hospital Authority
Junior Chamber International Hong Kong
Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden
Lingnan University
Po Leung Kuk
Professional Green Building Council
St. James' Settlement
Subsidized Primary Schools Council
Tai Po Environmental Association
The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Hong Kong
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Climate Group
The Conservancy Association
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
The Hong Kong Award for Young People
The Hong Kong Chapter of International Facility Management Association
The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
The Hong Kong Institute of Architects
The Hong Kong Institute of Education
The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management
The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects
The Hong Kong Institute of Planners
The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Open University of Hong Kong
The University of Hong Kong
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Vocational Training Council
Women Service Association
World Green Organisation
World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong
Yan Chai Hospital
Yan Oi Tong
Zonta Club of Hong Kong
Zonta Club of Hong Kong East
Zonta Club of the New Territories

**By alphabetical order under each category*