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Clerk to Panel on Environmental Affairs
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Dear Miss Poon,

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**Council for Sustainable Development's
Public Engagement on Municipal Solid Waste Charging -
"Waste Reduction by Waste Charging • How to Implement?"**

ECMA recognizes that the charging scheme is an important issue to form part of the overall waste management strategy for Hong Kong. We hereby would like to express our views on this issue as follows:

- The charging for Domestic Solid Waste and Commercial & Industrial Waste should be implemented together, to avoid illegal shifting of waste among different premises.
- The proposed charging rate should be reviewed regularly to provide sufficient incentive for waste generators to reduce the waste and balance with the general living standard changing from time to time.
- When the charging scheme implemented, the amount of recyclable materials collected will be increased substantially that the down stream recycling industries must be well functioned with the support of the Government.
- The government should operate small scale trials, such as within a few residential building blocks or shopping centres to validate the proposed charging mechanism so as to gain sufficient data to formulate the overall planning.



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- Proper education and promotion to the public is a MUST for the success to this new scheme. The previous practices in education and promotion were not effective in getting public awareness on the matter.
- Sufficient lead time say at least 6 months in advance must be given to all sectors including service providers and waste generators for putting the act together.

We hope the above opinions will be considered accordingly.

For and on behalf of

Environmental Contractors Management Association

Catherine Yan - President