



SUPPORT FOR BAN ON IVORY SALES IN HONG KONG

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Dear Legco Members,

I understand that strong submissions have been made by ivory traders who are against the proposed ban on ivory sales in Hong Kong. I would strongly urge members to ignore these submissions and to think instead of the elephants who are giving up their lives every day for no justifiable reason. Unless action is taken to protect the elephants, they will be wiped out in a matter of years and for what? - so that someone can have a piece of carved ivory gathering dust in their home?!

What legacy would you like to bequeath to your children and to future generations? - that you were instrumental in banning ivory sales or that you turned a blind eye to the whole sorry business? The decision is in your hands and the world is watching.

Please remember this is about the elephants and not about people.

In summary:-

1. I support the ban on the ivory trade
2. I support higher penalties for wildlife crime
3. I support prosecution and strong deterrent penalties for those engaging in wildlife crime
4. I do not support any form of compensation for ivory traders.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Smillie