



Support of Ivory Trade Ban and Opposition to compensation for ivory traders

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To: Clerk for Hon. Tanya Chan, LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Nive Bailey, I am a registered voter and permanent resident of Hong Kong SAR, Southern District. I am writing to lend my support to the ban on ivory trading and to oppose the suggestion that ivory traders be compensated.

There is a long history and tradition of ivory carving in Chinese culture but it is still wrong. We can appreciate history even knowing that the understanding of environmental preservation at the time was ill-judged. The suggestion that ivory traders be compensated is shameful.

It is fallacious to argue that history supports compensation for what we now know to be a nefarious trade in killing elephants. We remember history to learn from and to correct past mistakes. Compensation should be made to the victims not perpetrators of wrongdoing. Money would be better spent on future generations with investment in wildlife preservation. I implore you to support the ban and oppose compensation to traders. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nive Bailey