

Dear the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene ("the Panel"),

I strongly urge the Panel to urgently request the Food and Health Bureau ("the FHB") to conduct a public consultation on its proposals for new allocation arrangement for public niches and promotion of green burial because no one in the world can avoid death and the new proposals, therefore, must affect every Hong Kong citizens. Unless the FHB proves that only the bureau's own staff, only District Councils' members, and only the Panel members would use these public niches, otherwise the proposals are public policies which must affect all Hong Kong citizens and impose extra charges to the Hong Kong public. A public consultation should therefore be conducted.

I also strongly urge the Panel to hold public hearing(s) to obtain more public opinions and discussions. It should not be determined merely by the government, the FHB, the District Councils and the Panel. According to the media, the FHB knows that public consultation would attract public oppositions, so the FHB went ahead by just submitting the proposals to the Panel after merely consulting with the District Councils. Do the FHB intend to have a black-box operation?

The Panel must be responsible to the Hong Kong public, so the Panel members must request the FHB to conduct a public consultations on the proposals. Thank you!!

Best regards,

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