



## The Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong

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Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

**Submission to Bills Committee on Waste Disposal**  
**(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018**  
**Views from the Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong**

The Environmental Management Association of Hong Kong (“EMAHK”) supports the captioned bill. Hong Kong has an imminent waste problem. This is an important and essential bill that links to our responsibility to our environment and next generations.

To achieve “**Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right**”, the Government should provide more appropriate facilities so that the citizens could “**save more**” so that they could “dump less” and “recycle right”. Of all kinds of wastes, almost every citizen creates **food waste** and dumps **plastic** every day while these types of wastes constitute the major proportion of the total waste generation. Food waste can also contaminate other useful recyclables and creates hygienic issues if they are dumped improperly. Once the charging is implemented, it is foreseeable that most of the citizens would concern about how much they pay for what they dump. Citizens may make use of different ways, whether proper or improper, to reduce their own waste generation. To encourage proper waste treatment, the Government should arrange more convenient collection points for recyclable wastes, in particular, food and plastic wastes, together with relevant facilities and logistics management for local waste treatment. In long run, it is essential to provide incentive measures to raise citizens’ awareness and knowledge and change citizens’ behaviour on “**dump less**” and “**recycle right**”.

Yours faithfully,

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