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## It is time to pass MSW Charging into law

Honorable Frankie Yick,

A total of <u>251</u> signatures and <u>18</u> public comments were collected through a petition <u>"Support MSW Waste Charging – We Are Drowning In Waste!"</u> initiated by *Drink Without Waste*. They have been compiled into the attached file for the consideration by the Bills Committee.

The Bill has been rescheduled four times since the Bills Committee was established in October last year. If the bill does not clear the final hurdle during this extended LegCo term we're back to zero. 10 years of work down the drain. We are most worried it will take another decade before this cornerstone in management and financing of waste and recycling services – common in many other jurisdictions - will benefit Hong Kong, its citizens, and our awe-inspiring natural environment.

*Drink Without Waste* (DWW) is a project led by the Single Use Beverage Packaging Working Group, a broad coalition of stakeholders working together to reduce the volume of used beverage packaging going to waste by 70 to 90% in 2025.

Petition link can also be found here: https://bit.ly/36UsALX

Yours sincerely,

Paul Zimmerman Chair, *Drink Without Waste*, Single-Use Beverage Packaging Working Group