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Chairman
Bills Committee to Study the Waste Disposal
(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
Legislative Council
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By post and email

Plastic Free Seas Supports Waste Charging

Dear Chairman and Members,

Municipal Solid Waste charging is an effective waste management tool that is crucial to reducing the overall amount of waste created by promoting proper source separation of waste in Hong Kong. MSW charging is in line with the "polluter-pays" principle and is necessary to stimulate waste reduction and dramatically increase the collection of materials for recycling. MSW charging will support the long-term sustainability of stakeholders in the local recycling industry, and will push Hong Kong along the desired path of reduced GHG emissions through a reduction in overall waste and recovery of material for recycling.

Plastic Free Seas (PFS) urges members of the Legislative Council to pass the required amendments of the Waste Disposal Ordinance and Waste Disposal Regulation during this term of the Legislative Council.

Plastic Free Seas is an registered environmental charity focusing on education and action on issues relating to plastic waste and plastic marine pollution. Waste reduction and increased recycling are two key solutions to decreasing the amount of plastic waste which ends up in our seas.

Yours sincerely,

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