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Clerk to Bills Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
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By email: bc_01_20@legco.gov.hk

Dear Bills Committee Chairman and Members,

**Re: Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018
Statement of Support from Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental
Management Hong Kong Branch**

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (“CIWEM”) has a history of working in environmental management dated back to 1895 in the U.K. The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Hong Kong (“CIWEM HK”) with members of CIWEM residing in Hong Kong has been operating autonomously since 1987 providing a platform for engineers and scientists in air quality, noise, water quality, waste management and disposal, energy, and nature conservation that concern the people of the territory and the surrounding regions.

On behalf of CIWEM HK, I am writing to welcome and express our support on the formation of the Bills Committee to study the captioned Bill.

The output rate of municipal solid waste (“MSW”) keeps on increasing each year due to the growth of population and the economy. It is estimated that the existing three landfills will be exhausted in the near future and the situation will become worse in the next few years. Efforts in the reduction of the MSW are of prime importance.

Although the recovery culture is not fully established in Hong Kong, the launching of the Charging Scheme will definitely reduce the waste generation and accelerate the development of this culture and therefore enhances waste related industries in Hong Kong. In consequence, it will create the employments of the industry and pushing the green economic cycle. The implementation of the Charge Scheme will also align with the “Polluter Pays” principle and match towards the global green direction.

The Environment Bureau recently announced the Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035 which sets out the vision of vision of "Waste Reduction • Resources Circulation • Zero Landfill". CIWEM HK fully supports the blueprint and believes MSW charging is one of the effective strategies to reduce the waste generation in Hong Kong. It is a crucial time for Hong Kong to move in the right direction in MSW.

CIWEM HK urges the support from honourable members of the Bills Committee for the passage of the Bill for the early implementation of the MSW Charging. If there is any question or concern in regard to the content of this submission, please contact the undersigned at chairman@ciwem.hk .

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: Mr WONG Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the Environment