



Clerk to Bills Committee
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

February 19th, 2021

Re: Waste Disposal Bill

Dear Sir,

We are writing to express our full support of the Legislative Council's passing the *Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill* (MSW Bill) before the end of 2020/21 Legislative year. Doing so will be an important step in improving Hong Kong's waste management systems and will bring benefits to the environment, society and reduce costs for the SAR.

Hong Kong has seen a continued rise in waste generation and the city generates 30-50% more waste per capita than neighbouring cities such as Seoul, Taipei and Tokyo. Per capita waste in Hong Kong reached a record high in 2018 of 1.53 kg of waste per person, which is 15% higher than 2013's 1.33 kg of waste per capita.

Without implementing a polluter-pays waste management policy, the city will need to make more landfill sites or extend existing landfill sites, a particularly difficult challenge due to Hong Kong's lack of available land space, and/or build additional incinerators, the first of which took over a decade to complete. These approaches are not sustainable or cost effective and do not encourage individuals or corporations to make any kind of behaviour change. The MSW Bill will not only facilitate improvements to our existing waste management systems but will also reduce waste generation city-wide.

We hope to see the MSW Bill receive sufficient backing in the Legislative Council due to its various benefits and strong public support. Failing to do so would delay a much-needed measure by another 3-5 years as the bill goes through a new legislative cycle and would actively work against the existing waste management measures the government has invested in, including the O-Park, T-Park and WEEE-Park.

Passing the MSW Bill will push Hong Kong to become a more sustainable, forward-thinking city.

Sincerely,

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