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(Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018

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Support Charging for Municipal Solid Waste

Dear Chairman

Living Islands Movement (LIM) supports the Charging for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in Hong Kong.

We have seen the negative effects of not having a "polluter-pays" policy on waste management in Hong Kong on our environment over a number of decades. These negative effects include but are not limited to ocean areas being reclaimed to build an incinerator and country parks taken to extend landfill sites.

Hong Kong urgently needs to have charging for MSW disposal so as to force the wider community to change their behaviour from just throwing things in the rubbish without any direct financial cost to them. Charging for MSW disposal will help to increase the use of the existing recycling and reuse facilities in HK. We have seen the positive benefits of waste charging in other communities in Asia and around the world where waste disposal rates have dropped and recycling rates increased. Unfortunately in HK these same rates have gone in the wrong direction. So it is time for the HK community to pay for MSW disposal.

We hope that the MSW bill will be supported and passed by the Legislative Council during the current session. There is no time to waste as we don't want to be taking more country park areas for landfilling or destroying our ocean area for incinerators.

Regards

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