

**Advisory Council on the Environment**  
**Papers considered - January to December 1997**

**Discussion Papers****New Legislative Proposals**

Paper No.	Title and Remarks
10/97	Noise Control (Amendment) Bill 1997 and Amendments to Technical Memorandum on Noise from Percussive Piling, and Technical Memorandum for the Assessment of Noise from Places other than Domestic Premises, Public Places or Construction Sites <i>[Members endorsed submission of the draft Bill and the two Technical Memoranda to ExCo.]</i>
35/97	A Proposed Scheme for the Control of Perchloroethylene Emission from Dry-cleaning Operation <i>[Members supported the proposed control scheme and looked forward to offering comments to the draft Regulation in due course.]</i>
40/97	Environmental Impact Assessment (Appeal Board) Regulation Environmental Impact Assessment (Fees) Regulation <i>[Members endorsed the two Regulations for introduction to the Provisional Legislative Council (PLC).]</i>

**Implementation of Existing Pollution Control and Conservation Measures**

Paper No.	Title and Remarks
9/97	Proposed Subsidiary Legislation to be made under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) - Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation <i>[Members endorsed the Regulation for introduction to the PLC.]</i>
25/97	Review of Charges for the Disposal of Chemical Waste at the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre <i>[Members noted the proposed charge increases. The Chairman advised the Administration that the proposed charge increases would likely attract objections from trade associations.]</i>

26/97	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance Revised Draft Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process <i>[Members strongly supported the revised Draft Technical Memorandum.]</i>
54/97	Increase of Fees Under Waste Disposal Ordinance (Cap. 354) Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358) Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311) Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400) Ozone Layer Protection Ordinance (Cap. 403) <i>[Members endorsed the proposed fee increases. One member however commented that the current fee structure discriminated against the industrial and commercial sectors.]</i>
56/97	Provision of Waste Transfer Services at Refuse Transfer Stations (RTSs) to Private Waste Collectors <i>[Members supported the proposal but were of the view that Government should charge the two Municipal Councils for using the RTSs in future.]</i>
59/97	Charges for Disposal of Waste at Landfills <i>[To be considered by Members on 15 December 1997.]</i>

### Major Policy Initiative

Paper No.	Title and Remarks
18/97	Fourth Review on the 1989 White Paper on the Environment <i>[Members offered their comments on the content of the Fourth Review.]</i>
27/97	Public Consultation on the Draft Waste Reduction Plan (Confidential at the time of issue) <i>[Members offered some preliminary comments on the Draft Plan.]</i>
41/97	Green Consumerism Eco-Labelling Scheme for Hong Kong <i>[Members noted the Administration's position and way forward as regards the introduction of the eco-labelling scheme in Hong Kong. Some Members opined that the Administration should take a more proactive role in introducing the scheme to Hong Kong. Others however agreed that this was not the right time to do so.]</i>

42/97	Draft Waste Reduction Plan for Hong Kong <i>[Members offered their comments on the Draft Waste Reduction Plan.]</i>
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Others

Paper No.	Title and Remarks
8/97	Report of the EIA Subcommittee - February <i>[Item 1 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
14/97	Report of the EIA Subcommittee - March <i>[Items 12 &amp; 13 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
19/97	Proposal for Opening ACE Meetings to the Public <i>[Members did not favour the opening of ACE meetings.]</i>
21/97	Report of the EIA Subcommittee - April <i>[Items 2, 14, 15, 16, 17 &amp; 18 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
22/97	Quarry Bay Relief Works Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study <i>[Endorsed at the ACE meeting on 21 April 1997.]</i>
28/97	Trade Effluent Surcharge Review (Confidential at the time of issue) <i>[Members offered their initial views on the consultants' findings and recommendations.]</i>
29/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - May <i>[Items 3 &amp; 4 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
33/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - June & July <i>[Items 5 &amp; 6 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
39/97	Report of the EIA Subcommittee - August <i>[Items 7 &amp; 8 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
43/97	Information on ACE to be put onto Planning, Environment and Lands Bureau's (PELB) Homepage on the Internet <i>[Members welcomed the initiatives.]</i>

45/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - September <i>[Item 20 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
49/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - October <i>[Item 9 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
55/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - November <i>[Item 10 in Annex D endorsed.]</i>
58/97	Report of EIA Subcommittee - December <i>[To consider Item 21 in Annex D]</i>

### Information Papers

Paper No.	Title and Remarks
1/97	Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme (SSDS) Stage I Construction of Sewage Collection Tunnels Way Forward to Complete Construction <i>[Members were informed of the way forward regarding the construction of the six underground tunnels. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>
2/97	Public Support for Environmental Protection in Hong Kong: Final Report <i>[Members noted the findings of the Report.]</i>
3/97	Information Paper on the Problems of Misuse of Diesel Oil <i>[Members noted the efforts made by Government in tackling the problem. They considered it necessary to increase the penalty levels to enhance the deterrent effect.]</i>
4/97	Development of a Comprehensive Conservation Strategy and a Management Plan in Relation to the Listing of Mai Po and Inner Deep Bay as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention <i>[Members supported the proposed Strategy and Management Plan.]</i>
5/97	Preparation of Additional Development Permission Area (DPA) Plans <i>[Members noted the Administration's tentative programme for the preparation of new DPA plans.]</i>

6/97	Guidelines for Implementing the Policy on Off-site Ecological Mitigation Measures <i>[Members supported the proposed guidelines in principle.]</i>
7/97	Hong Kong - Guangdong Environmental Protection Liaison Group Summary of Work in 1996 <i>[Members noted the paper. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>
11/97	Transboundary Movements of Wastes <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>
12/97	Progress on Implementation of the Livestock Waste Control Scheme <i>[Members noted the paper and decided to pay a visit to some of the livestock farms. The visit was held in July 1997.]</i>
13/97	The Green Manager Scheme <i>[Members noted the progress of the Scheme and requested for a progress report in 12 months' time.]</i>
15/97	Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) Report on Activities Organized in 1996 <i>[Members offered some comments on how the ECC could further enhance its publicity efforts.]</i>
16/97	Deep Bay Water Quality and the Implementation of Shenzhen River Regulation Project (SRRP) Stage II Phase II <i>[Members expressed concern about the impact of SRRP to the water quality in Deep Bay.]</i>
17/97	Beach Water Quality in Hong Kong for 1996 <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>
20/97	Water Quality of Deep Bay and Tin Shui Wai Nullah <i>[Some Members expressed concern about the deterioration in the water quality in Deep Bay and requested that a benthic monitoring data analysis be carried out.]</i>
23/97	Briefing Paper on the Environmental Impact of RPIS Projects <i>[Members noted the paper. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>
24/97	Contaminated Mud Disposal at East Sha Chau Interim Report VI <i>[Members noted the paper. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>

30/97	Update Report on the Tolo Harbour Action Plan <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>
31/97	Review of Country Parks Ordinance, Cap. 208 <i>[Members offered their comments on the amendments to the Ordinance.]</i>
32/97	Trade Effluent Surcharge Review Final Report: Outcome of Consultation with Trades <i>[Members offered their comments on the consultants' recommendations.]</i>
34/97	Study on the Ecological Value of Fish Ponds in Deep Bay Area (Confidential) <i>[Members noted the findings of the study and offered their comments.]</i>
36/97	Air Quality of Hong Kong <i>[Members offered their views on how to improve the monitoring of the air quality in Hong Kong.]</i>
37/97	Interim Report on Marine and River Water Quality <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>
38/97	West Rail - Phase I <i>[Members noted the urgency to gazette Phase 1 of the West Rail.]</i>
44/97	Future of the Sewage Services Trading Fund (SSTF) <i>[Members noted the proposed closure of the SSTF and urged the Government to put more efforts to educate the public on the "polluter pays" principle.]</i>
46/97	Strategic Sewage Disposal Scheme (SSDS) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study <i>[Members noted the progress of the SSDS EIA Study.]</i>
47/97	Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Hong Kong <i>[Members proposed various means for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Hong Kong in the long term.]</i>
48/97	Integrated Vehicle Emission Control Strategy <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>

50/97	Review of the Public Filling Strategy and Programme <i>[Members supported the consultant's recommendation in principle but requested that the Final Report be submitted to them once available.]</i>
51/97	New Management Framework for Dredged Sediments <i>[Members endorsed the new framework.]</i>
52/97	Proposal to Increase the Charge for the Collection and Disposal of MARPOL Wastes at the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre <i>[Members endorsed the proposed fee increase.]</i>
53/97	Increase of Fees under Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466) <i>[Members noted the proposed fee increase. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>
57/97	Inclusion of Additional Noise Barrier at Pak Shek Kok in Gazette Plans under Tolo Highway Widening Project <i>[Members noted the paper.]</i>
60/97	Summary of Works of ACE from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997 <i>[To table for Members' information on 15 December 1997.]</i>
61/97	Monitoring of Road Opening Works <i>[Members noted the paper. Not discussed at meeting.]</i>