

Comments on First Stage Public Engagement Document for the Review & Development of Marine Water Quality Objectives.

a.	Q	What are your views on the key issues set out in section 4 above?
	A	The overseas practices should only be a guideline when proceeding updating of WQOs since actual environment of overseas is not exactly the same as H.K. marine environment, some of parameter might not be suitable for local application.
b.	Q	What are your views on the beneficial uses and sensitive receivers set out in section 2? Are you aware of any other beneficial uses of waters that should be considered in this review?
	A	For the former question, we have not comment. However, for the second question, diving should be considered as another beneficial uses of waters in this review.
c.	Q	What are your views on the priority and level of protection for various beneficial uses, sensitive receivers and sensitive organisms that should be protected through the WQOs?
	A	For multiple purpose water zone (fish-culture & swimming zone) choice the tier standard
d.	Q	In respect of Appendix A, what other types of WQOs or parameters should be considered in the next stage?
	A	This is advisable to consider 'Biological' parameter such as *benthic macroinvertebrates or *submerged aquatic vegetation in the next stage.
e.	Q	What are your views on the review approaches as set out in section 5 above?
	A	If possible, result of WQO should be entre to Appendix A. This would make Appendix A more practical.
f.	Q	What broad water quality management principles and WQO approaches should be considered in the next stage?
	A	Method(s) / process / approach to improve WQ in order to meet new standard.

Ref: Water Quality Parameters (Web site: www.rpi.edu/dept/dfw)