


Dear Sir/Madam,

I attach my comments on the HATS Stage 2 Public Consultation to this email. I request that this response be made available to the public. Please confirm that you have received the document and look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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A response to 'Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2 Public Consultation'

- addressed to the Environment, Transport and Work Bureau

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The following are my comments for the HATS Stage 2 public consultation:

1. Answering the questions on page 19 of the Consultation Document:

- Support the preferred choice: Option A – Centralised treatment at Stonecutters Island, as it is the optimum option based on all the performance criteria mentioned on page 23 of the document.
- Agree that Stage 2 should be implemented in two phases: Stage 2A and 2B.
- Agree that it is worth paying higher sewage charges in line with the "Polluter Pays Principle", as protecting the Victoria Harbour water quality is essential.

2. Detailed comments:

- Support "Design, Build and Operate", for the design and construction of Stage 2A and 2B, together with the operation of (existing and) new treatment facilities under HATS, to speed up delivery time.
- For Stage 2A:
 - Support the "Design and Build" arrangement idea for the construction of deep tunnels for delivering the sewage to the treatment works.
- For Stage 2B:
 - Supporting the use of compact biological treatment method as it saves space and can remove more nutrients from the processed sewage water of the existing Stage 1 treatment works.
 - Support the construction of a new biological treatment works underground, on a site near to the existing Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works.
 - Support the idea of optimising the timing for introducing compact biological treatment.
 - Support the idea of specifying the performance required from the treatment works, instead of specifying the treatment technology, during the tendering process.