



## Our Health and that of The Falkland Islands' Natural Environment:

### Consultation seeking public opinion to inform the creation of the Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy for the Falkland Islands

<p><b>Consultation Topic</b></p>	<p>This consultation asks your views on the draft Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy, which will help inform the final Policy document.</p> <p>The Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy will influence the direction of travel for improving current waste management practices and the reduction or removal of pollution from the environment.</p> <p>This is your opportunity to have your say about what is important to you so that we can all shape the future of our environment together.</p>
<p><b>Target Population</b></p>	<p>This strategy is important for the Falkland Islands as a whole. We welcome responses from everyone who lives in the Islands, whether you live in Stanley, Camp, the Outer Islands or MPC</p>
<p><b>Duration</b></p>	<p>The consultation period will begin on <b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b> and run until <b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>.</p>
<p><b>How to Respond</b></p>	<p>There are three ways you can respond to this consultation:</p> <p>1) The quickest and easiest way is to download the policy document and complete the online survey, available at <a href="http://www.falklands.gov.fk/policy/consultations">www.falklands.gov.fk/policy/consultations</a></p> <p>2) You can submit your responses using this questionnaire response form, which you can download as an interactive pdf. Please remember to save your completed pdf before returning it to us by email at <a href="mailto:environment@sec.gov.fk">environment@sec.gov.fk</a></p> <p>3) If you prefer, you can complete a paper version available from the Post Office and Christie Community Library, or you can ask for one to be posted to you by contacting us on 28430 or by email: <a href="mailto:environment@sec.gov.fk">environment@sec.gov.fk</a></p> <p>Physical copies of the draft policy may also be found at these locations.</p> <p>Completed paper surveys can be placed in the dedicated response box in the Post Office, or can be posted to: Environment Department, The Secretariat, Stanley</p>
<p><b>Enquiries</b></p>	<p>If you have any queries about the consultation, please contact: Environment Department, The Secretariat, Stanley Phone: 28430 or by email: <a href="mailto:environment@sec.gov.fk">environment@sec.gov.fk</a></p>

## **INTRODUCTION**

### ***What is the consultation to be used for?***

We look forward to gathering further information via this consultation as work proceeds to finalise a Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy that can work for all to guide further improvements and protect the environment we share, and our collective health.

This document has been designed to complement the Energy Strategy which has been developed alongside. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on both papers as many of the themes for the Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy are closely linked to those of the Energy Strategy.

### ***Why is the Policy important?***

The Falkland Islands' environment plays an integral role in our lives and provides a livelihood for many in our community. However, the growing pressure of pollution and waste on the natural environment and human health is a global challenge and one relevant to here. The Falklands currently lack modern pollution laws, and so do not have important tools to ensure the public is not unduly exposed to pollution. Furthermore, the Falklands lack the laws and policies required to plan for pollution and waste generated from major new developments or to protect the public from costs associated with spills from toxic chemicals and other environmental issues. The Legislative Assembly has therefore directed that our laws and policies be updated to be fit for purpose, more consistent with our needs, and compatible with global standards in similar countries. Addressing pollution in partnership with individuals and the private sector can help reduce risks to public health and the environment while supporting economic development and infrastructure improvements, and, in many instances, securing cost reductions over time relative to current practice.

### ***What does the Policy do?***

To secure these benefits and address these risks, the Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy provides a clear direction of travel to address the long-term reduction of pollution and waste in the Falklands in a way that is unique and fits the context of the Islands. A large amount of scoping work has helped to inform the development of this policy including ongoing meetings with key stakeholders to understand the most important issues relating to pollution and waste in the Falklands and how best these can be addressed. This consultation aims to continue understanding the collective views of the people of the Falklands to ensure that the final Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy has evaluated all key aspects of pollution and waste management in the Falklands.

### ***Key points of the draft Policy***

- ➔ It emphasizes that government and the private sector need to work together to limit pollution sources and to update infrastructure and energy infrastructure over time to cut pollution and reduce costs. For instance, the Policy would help steer future investments in modern waste facilities, water and sewage treatment, and power

production. In line with ongoing work in energy policy, with a growing emphasis on zero-emission technologies and renewable power, it would also help reduce economic exposure to fuel costs, such as fuel for combustion sources like power production and gas and diesel vehicles.

- It would commit the government to partner with individuals and the private sector to provide the tools and processes needed to reduce pollution including, for instance, support to remove hazardous waste from Stanley and Camp and dispose of it properly.
- It would ensure that new developments are built up to proper standards to reduce exposure to pollution, and could guide incentive and spending decisions to support individuals wishing to make positive choices (e.g. by insulating homes to higher standards, installing septic systems, and similar approaches)
- It recommends updates to the legal framework to ensure that very large new sources of pollution receive environmental review and install controls consistent with best practices, reflected in a permit. Updates would also introduce appropriate liability protections against large spills and other pollution incidents.
- It focuses on positive planning and investment decisions, in tandem with energy and infrastructure investments, to reduce pollution, and seeks to keep regulatory measures to the minimum needed to protect the public. In general, only very major sources will require new permits, while the public will generally experience improvements via investment decisions and government partnerships.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to make sure the Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy is tailored specifically to suit the people and environment of the Falkland Islands it is vitally important we hear your opinion.

Please answer questions 1 to 5 and the questions relating to your demographic in the final section. The draft Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy, to which these questions relate, can be found online at [www.falklands.gov.fk/policy/consultations](http://www.falklands.gov.fk/policy/consultations) or as a printed reference copy in the Post Office and Christie Community Library.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Do you agree with the overall direction set out in the draft Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy?
  - Agree with the vision and overall direction set out in the document
  - Disagree with the vision and overall direction set out in the document
  - Unsure
  - Prefer not to say

Optional comment to explain (approx. 200 words):

2. Do you believe the draft Pollution Prevention and Waste Management Policy sufficiently covers the major environmental issues facing the Falkland Islands?

Yes

No

If no, what would you add or change?

3. What do you believe the government could do to more effectively support individuals and businesses seeking to reduce pollution in the Falkland Islands?

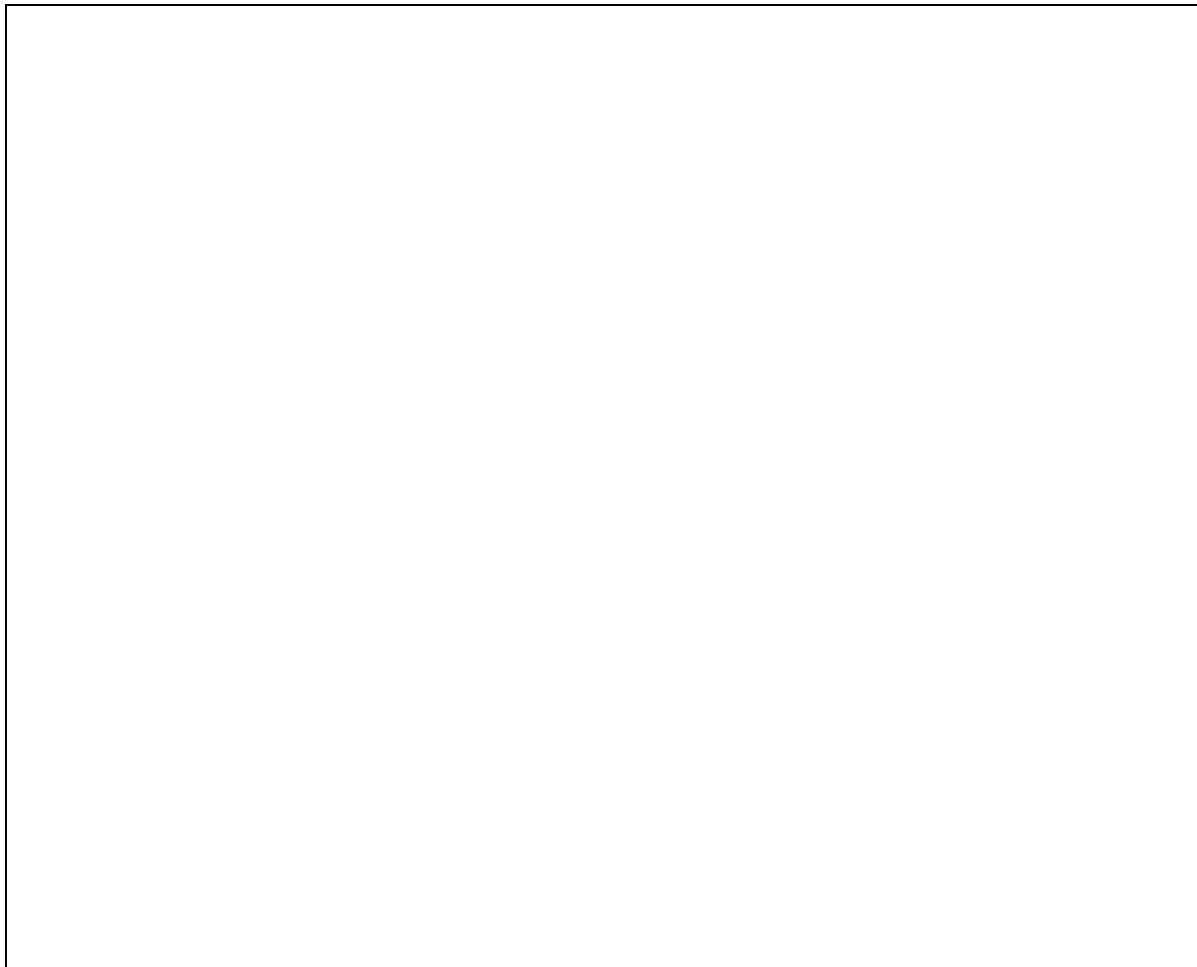
#### 4. Pollution

Maritime pollution and dumping at sea are already regulated by existing laws included in the Maritime Ordinance 2017. Therefore, the focus of this policy document is on the terrestrial environment of the Falkland Islands'. The list below identifies areas of focus related to pollution control and waste management in the Islands where there currently are no or limited laws and policies in place.

Please rank the following in order of importance from 1-3 where 1 is most important to you and 3 is least important.

- Managing air pollution
- Managing industrial/commercial pollution
- Managing pollution on land and in freshwater

More specifically, what do you think is the most pressing concern in terms of pollution for both the environment and human health? Please only elaborate on the area you listed as most important (approx. 300 words):



## 5. Waste

The list below identifies some potential areas of focus related to improving waste management in the Islands.

Please rank the following in order of importance from 1-7 where 1 is most important to you and 7 is least important.

- Increasing sewage treatment
- Reducing/removing single use plastics
- Encouraging use of products that are biodegradable
- Managing household waste
- Increasing recycling
- Managing industrial/commercial waste
- Managing hazardous waste

Do you think there are any other potential areas of waste management that have been missed from the above list? If so, please provide details of why you believe this to be important (approx. 300 words):

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## General Questions

In order to help our analysis of the findings we would ask that you please complete the following sections.

### How long have you lived in the Falkland Islands?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 10 years       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year            | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 years      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 5 years                 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years |

### I spend most of my time living in:

- Stanley
- East Falkland
- West Falkland
- An outer Island

Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### My age is:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 – 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 36 – 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19 – 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 – 65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 – 35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 65 |

### My main job is in the following sector (please tick one):

- Agriculture/Agri-tourism
- Business Services
- Construction or Trade
- Conservation / Environmental Protection

Environmental research / science

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Fishing

Hospitality (hotels and guesthouses, pubs and bars, restaurants and cafes)

Land and /or sea transport

Oil and gas

Tourism industry

Wholesale or retail trade

Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking part in this consultation.**

**If you have any further comments about any of the areas in this consultation document, on the consultation itself or energy strategy in general then please email them to [pollution.policy@sec.gov.fk](mailto:pollution.policy@sec.gov.fk)**

If you are happy to be contacted in relation to your responses, please provide your contact details below:

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