DON'T make the same mistake. Singapore elites must tackle sustainability

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Carrie Lam, Singapore's chief executive, has become a poster child for the environmental, social and governance (ESG) movement. As Singapore emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic, the city-state hopes to cement its status as a leader in green finance and sustainability. This is welcome news, as the need to tackle climate change and address sustainability challenges is more pressing than ever.

The success of Singapore's sustainability efforts is a testament to the strong leadership of Carrie Lam. Her commitment to sustainability has been evident in various initiatives, including the launch of the Singapore Sustainability Council and the development of the Singapore Sustainability Special Economic Zone (SSSEZ).

The SSSEZ is a platform for organizations to collaborate and innovate on sustainability solutions. The council consists of representatives from various sectors, including government agencies, businesses, and international organizations. The council's goal is to promote the adoption of sustainable practices and technologies, fostering a more sustainable economy.

Carrie Lam's leadership has also been evident in the city-state's commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Singapore has set a target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and the government has invested in various renewable energy projects to support this goal.

However, while Singapore's efforts in sustainability are commendable, there is still room for improvement. The city-state needs to address challenges such as plastic waste and waste management. The government should also work to improve access to sustainable transportation options, such as electric vehicles.

Carrie Lam's leadership is crucial in driving the city-state's sustainability agenda. With her guidance, Singapore can continue to be a leader in sustainability and set a positive example for other cities around the world.