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Panel on Planning, Lands and Works,  
Legislative Council,  
Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

**U R G E N T**

21<sup>st</sup> April 2006

Dear Legislative Councillor,

**Re: Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront  
(including the Tamar Site)**

We, together with dozens of public organisations and members of the public, have been attending meetings of the above Subcommittee created by your Panel to conduct investigations into and consultation of the proposed Central Government Offices on the Tamar Site.

In response to your Committee's invitation, we have made a number of presentations which have involved us in more than three months of hardwork and substantial expenses in consulting experts. Many responsible citizens and organizations of Hong Kong have given up their time and attention in the hope that your Subcommittee will come up with a report which will assist your Panel to come to the right decision.

We understand that the Government will be coming before your Panel on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006 to ask you to come to a decision on this matter before your Subcommittee has concluded its investigations and submitted its report. This is unfair and shows disrespect both to the members of your Subcommittee and to the members of the public who have made such efforts in the public interest.

We therefore respectfully urge that no decision be taken on this matter until you will have had the benefit of the result of the investigations and public consultations as well as the report from your own Subcommittee which is specifically charged with this duty.



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The Government should be acting in good faith and cannot simply ignore the importance of the many hearings that have been taken before your Subcommittee. The Government has not demonstrated any urgency for a decision to be taken by your Panel at this stage and there is no reason why the Government should not at least wait until the outcome of the public hearing conducted by your own Subcommittee. The Government should know that it is answerable to the Hong Kong public and that in the eyes of the international community, it should not act in a high-handed manner and with undue haste.

We enclose herewith for your easy reference copies of the following Motions that have been passed by your Panel.

- A. Motion passed by Legco Planning, Lands and Works Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005.
- B. Motion passed by Legco Planning, Lands and Works Panel on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2005.
- C. Motion passed by Legco Planning, Lands and Works Panel on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006.
- D. Motion passed by Legco Planning, Lands and Works Panel on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Loh  
Chairperson

**Motion**  
**Passed by**  
**the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**  
**of the Legislative Council at a Meeting Held on**  
**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

“That the Panel demands the Government to substantially reduce the amount of area for commercial uses under Central Reclamation Phase III; prohibit the use of the reclaimed land for any commercial developments such as office premises, hotels, etc; and rezone the relevant sites to “Open Space”. All reclaimed land should be designated for public use in line with the people-oriented principle.”

“本事務委員會要求政府大幅減低中環填海計劃第三期內的商業用地，不容許任何寫字樓、酒店等商業樓宇，把土地轉為休/憩用地。所有填海土地均應以以民為本的原則歸公眾使用。”

**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works  
The motion relating to Tamar development project and  
land-use planning for Central Reclamation Phase III  
passed at the special meeting on 17 December 2005**

(This motion was moved by Dr KWOK Ka-ki)

(Translation)

“That, in view of the importance of the Central waterfront to the future of Hong Kong, and the Government's undertaking to develop Hong Kong into a world class city and provide a vibrant and beautiful Central waterfront for the enjoyment of the community, this Panel urges the Government to comply with the recommendations made by the Town Planning Board on 5 August 2005<sup>1</sup> and the motion passed by this Panel on 25 October 2005<sup>2</sup> by reviewing afresh the current Tamar development project and the planned land uses for the Central waterfront, and consulting the public before taking forward any further project and planning work, and also suspending the tender procedure relating to the development of the Tamar site pending the review and public consultation; and proposes that a subcommittee be established to review the planning for the Central waterfront (including the development of the Tamar site).”

Note:

- 1 The Town Planning Board made the following recommendation at its meeting on 5 August 2005 when discussing an application from an organization concerned for amending the plans for Central and Wan Chai:  
The Town Planning Board agreed to request the Government to prepare or refine the planning/design briefs for this important waterfront, in particular the groundscraper and the waterfront related commercial and leisure uses sites, to ensure that future developments would blend in with the waterfront setting, facilitate pedestrian access to the waterfront, and promote visual permeability of the developments.
- 2 The Panel on Planning, Lands and Works passed the following motion on 25 October 2005:  
“That the Panel demands the Government to substantially reduce the amount of area for commercial uses under Central Reclamation Phase III, including office premises, shopping arcades, etc; and rezone the relevant sites to “Open Space”. All reclaimed land should be designated for public use in line with the people-oriented principle.”

**規劃地政及工程事務委員會  
檢討中區海旁(包括添馬艦舊址)規劃小組委員會  
在 2006 年 2 月 9 日會議上通過的議案**

“本小組委員會促請政府向本小組委員會提交所有有關涉及興建新政府總部、擴建或改建現時政府總部的可行性研究的原始報告或資料。(當中需包括：各決策局對辦公地方需求分析、選址優劣分析、交通影響評估、環境影響評估等)”

動議人： 郭家麒議員

**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works  
Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the  
Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)**

**Motion passed at the meeting on 9 February 2006  
(Translation)**

“That this Subcommittee urges the Government to provide the Subcommittee with all the original reports or information on the feasibility studies relating to the provision of a new central government complex and the extension or reconstruction of the existing central government offices, including details of the following: assessments of the various policy bureaux' needs for office space, merit and demerit assessments of the identified sites, traffic impact assessments, environmental impact assessments, and so on.”

Moved by : Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

規劃地政及工程事務委員會

檢討中區海旁(包括添馬艦舊址)規劃小組委員會  
在 2006 年 3 月 7 日會議上通過的議案

“本小組委員會對於政府未能根據本小組委員會於2006年2月9日通過之議案，交出所有有關現時政府總部的擴建及改建，以及擬建新政府總部的所有文件，表示極度失望及遺憾，並要求政府根據上次小組委員會通過之議案，於下次小組委員會會議前交出所有文件及其清單。”

動議人： 郭家麒議員

**Panel on Planning, Lands and Works**

**Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the  
Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)**

**Motion passed at the meeting on 7 March 2006**

**(Translation)**

“That this Subcommittee expresses great disappointment and strong regret that the Government has failed to submit all documents relating to the extension and reconstruction of the existing central government offices and the provision of a new central government complex in the light of the motion passed by the Subcommittee on 9 February 2006, and urges the Government to provide before the next Subcommittee meeting all such documents and a full list of the documents in accordance with the motion passed by the Subcommittee at the said meeting.”

Moved by : Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki