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Attention to:
The Hon Lau Wong-fat
Chairman - Planning, Lands & Works Panel

Dear Mr. Lau,

I am writing to you regarding the forthcoming Planning, Lands & Works Panel of LegCo which will be meeting on Tuesday 22 November to discuss a Government Briefing Paper about the use of the Tamar site in Central. As a long term Hong Kong Permanent Resident I feel that any decision made on the redevelopment of the Tamar site must be extremely well thought out before being implemented.

In my opinion the use of the harbour front on Hong Kong Island from the western tunnel entrance/exit to Shaukewan is poorly planned and badly used. Putting government offices on the current Tamar site will only disfigure the Harbour more and further exacerbate the problems that Central now faces. Personally I think the entire harbour front needs rethinking and replanning, especially as so much of it is in the hands of the Government, and it cannot be that difficult to make better use of the land available.

But three immediate points that I would like to propose are:

- (i) Do not approve the paper before the panel;
- (ii) Give an opportunity by means of a special meeting to allow concerned citizens to present their concerns/alternatives to LegCo
- (iii) I would like to stress that there is no urgency to Tamar's proposed development. It is much more important for HK to get this essential piece of the waterfront right.

Thank you for your kind attention, we have one of the most beautiful cities in the world and we should all act to enhance and not destroy it.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle Garnaut