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Dear Sirs,

I wish to challenge you all to have the courage to revisit plans for the Tamar site, and Central generally, issues/opportunities, as follows;

- You have a duty of care to the citizens of Hong Kong to protect our City from the excesses of development, and poor urban planning. Building a large office structure on the waterfront, and the seemingly endless reclamation for more roads and redevelopment is not consistent with this obligation.
- Tamar represents the last remaining site of note with access to the harbour front, and there is no justification for Government offices in this prime location, with current offices entirely adequate, if not already excessive. If you must redevelop do so in areas where you have already blighted the location, NOT in a prime waterfront site like Tamar.
- The site offers Government an excellent opportunity to add to the 'green lung' requirement we have in an already heavily polluted urban environment. Tamar offers high quality open space with full public access to the waterfront.
- All great cities have major open/amenity space in their City centres, and perhaps it is time to 'walk the talk' in respect of Hong Kong's 'world city' aspirations.
- Continuation of the development of high rise buildings and highways further destroys access to, and the natural beauty of the harbour front city we have, creating a 'wall like' effect from the water, and land side.

Please do the citizens of Hong Kong a big favour and revisit your approach to this matter, before it is too late. Thank you.

Gerry Kipling
