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Subject The Destruction of Central Hong Kong

To the honourable Lau Wong-fat,

I would like to make my views heard on the discussion of the use of the Tamar site in Central for government offices and LegCo offices.

The main points to consider about Tamar are:

(a) LegCo should consider the entire Central waterfront development first before considering Tamar for a massive government office complex that will aggravate traffic and congestions substantially.

(b) The current plans will not result in a "world class" waterfront which is what the government promised. Hong Kong has one of the most beautiful harbours in the world and it should be accessible to residents and tourists alike.

This of what Macau has done with Fisherman's wharf, or Singapore with Clarke Quay or Sydney with the Rocks area. Hong Kong's harbour is more famous than all of these areas and yet there is no place to go to enjoy it. It is Legco responsibility to ensure they deliver what has been promised to residents of Hong Kong.

Request LegCo to:

- (i) 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) stress there is no urgency to Tamar's proposed development. More important for HK to get this essential piece of the waterfront right for future usage.

Best regards

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