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**The Hon Lau Wong-fat  
Chairman – Planning, Lands & Works Panel  
And Environmental Affair Panel  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
Jackson Road  
Hong Kong**

Dear Hon Lau Wong-fat,

**Re : Tamar & Central  
Briefing Paper CB (1) 289/05 – 06 (05)**

With imminent discussions due to take place it is important that the views of the public be taken into full consideration. I am not Chinese but I have lived here for 30 years and made it my home, my only home.

1. Tamar is huge site and should really be looked at in the context of the whole Central District. From what I have seen and read the current plans do not take into the needs or indeed the desires of the public at large. The World Class waterfront we have been promised will be a broken promise.
2. As an individual citizen I would hope that Legco will not approve the paper and that we the public have a proper opportunity to express our views. Why so much rush anyway?
3. Take an overall view of existing government offices what are the possibilities of refurbishment to say that are too old has no justification, does that mean demolition?
4. The use of space in Central is hardly well thought out as there are large dead areas like that between IFC and the shore line which bring no benefit to the public. The panel should be urged to look at these spaces closely and analyse the dead areas in relation to the public access.

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There are a whole host of items to consider which why the whole process needs to be slowed down. To summarise :

- A. Look realistically at the quality of open public spaces in relation to the harbour with people in mind.
- B. Air quality deterioration due to more traffic and office density.
- C. Piece meal development which destroys areas of distinctive character but adds nothing back.
- D. Height restrictions have to be reconsidered, a ground scraper that has a 130 meter high tower in a misnomer.

Finally I am not a member of any political party nor do I have any other affiliations. I am simply a Hong Kong citizen who is concerned about his home and what his family will inherit.

A quick response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'N' followed by a long, wavy horizontal line that ends in a small circular flourish.

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