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

AIR POLLUTION ALERT

Dear Honorable Members;

The Government's air pollution predictions are wrong by 100% - yet they claim their report is valid until 2027.

You have heard from Prof. Jimmy Fung of the University of Science and Technology that the air pollution model used for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Central did not include the "canyon effect" of our tall buildings. It pretends that Central is flat that that the air moves freely.

Yet according to the Environmental Protection Department:

- (1) The Central Reclamation III EIA is not the EIA for Tamar Building site. Tamar is essentially a building project. It is NOT a designated project, thus there is no need to conduct an independent EIA
- (2) It is claimed that the report's air quality assumptions assessed the worst-case scenario on air quality and extends as far as **2027**. The projection of the report's finding is valid till 2027. There is no expiry date for this invalid report !!!
- (3) It is claimed that the report on air quality has taken into account the background air pollution due to various new developments including Tamar, Exhibition Convention Center's expansion, P2 road link and the Central Wanchai Bypass etc. In another words, there are no new factors that render the CR III EIA invalid.

Yet these projects have not even started yet and we are already failing to meet our air quality objectives. Something is very wrong.

We ask you to please require the Government to redo the CR III EIA and do it properly with a model that includes our tall buildings and the real air pollution levels we are suffering from today.

Regards,

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