

Date: Thursday, 28 June 2007

To: Legco Panel on Planning, Lands and Works,

Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront

(including the Tamar Site)

Dear Honorable Members:

We remind you of three issues that are being ignored in this design exercise:

1. **The Government's own** Expert Panel on Sustainable Transport Planning and Central – Wan Chai Bypass said in October 2005.

The Maintenance of Reserve Capacities

3.3.14 The Panel further recommends that Government review reserve capacities in the transport infrastructure to better the safety margin. For example, if the optimal volume-to-capacity (v/c) ratio – a standard indicator reflecting the performance of a road – on a highway is close to 0.9, it should be taken as a signal for stemming land use development.

In plain language:

"You know all your roads will be full again as soon as the bypass is built, so don't build so many new buildings."

- 2. The Government appointed Harbourfront Enhancement Committee surveys said that 70% of people responding either supported Congestion Charging (ERP) or were neutral. This was after the conclusion of the Expert Panel stated below.
 - 3.2.6 Can implementing road pricing per se solve the problem at hand?

(excerpt)

the optimal toll level required for road pricing to be effective under the currently congested situation – even without hyper-congestion taking place – would be extremely high, with issues of public acceptability coming into play. Social acceptance is uncertain at this stage in time,

In plain language

"Yes ERP can solve the problem, but we WILL not ask the public or think through the issue, so we will not consider it – we will destroy the harbour through reclamation instead."

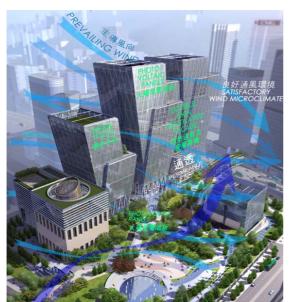


3. **The Government's own** Air Ventilation Assessment Feasibility Study

In plain language:

"At Tamar, the wind comes from the East. Stop blocking it."

All designs show a false wind direction.



Tamar designs

All show the wrong wind direction.

The prevailing wind is from the East (not the North as shown by arrows and flags)







End of submission