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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