



Panel on Development
Legislative Council
Admiralty, Hong Kong

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Public views on Hong Kong 2030 +
Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030

Dear Sirs,
Honourable Legislators,

On behalf of **Green Lantau Association**, we wish to make the following comments regarding the captioned subject matter.

After reading carefully the abundant literature produced by the Development Bureau over the last few years on the need to build the East Lantau Metropolis, the Hong Kong public has made it clear that the reasons, motivations put forward by the Hong Kong government were not convincing for engaging such colossal public expenditure for so little proven benefits.

Opposition to the unconvincing population projections, extremely high cost involved in the feasibility and realization of the East Lantau Metropolis (ELM) were the primary causes that brought the Development Bureau to place the whole ELM project within the Hong Kong 2030 Planning Vision Strategy, we can safely assume, in the hope that the whole ELM project be more easily accepted by the legislature to approve funding.

It is regrettable that a major Government Bureau has to resort to such practice for having such a costly public project approved. A project that appears clearly not having received the support of the public, due to the unconvincing arguments put forward by the Development Bureau. It is estimated that the ELM carried out in full would cost the public purse at least : HKD 400 billion over 20 years for benefits that have never been clearly put out to the public. It would not solve the public housing issues nor the need to supply more office space, furthermore the population of Hong Kong isn't supposed to naturally grow as the Government is suggesting. The question remains : Who would benefit from the ELM ?

Yours faithfully

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