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Subject: Submission on Studies related to artificial islands in the central waters

Dear Legco Panel on Development,

The reclamation plans to create artificial islands in the ocean between HK Island and Lantau Island, enclosing Peng Chau, Kau Yi Chau, Sunshine Island, Hei Ling Chau, and Cheung Chau, would be a massive waste of resources that could be better spent in other ways or for other purposes. These plans must be abandoned. The opportunity cost and environmental consequences are irrational and outrageous. The cost of the project given the limited benefits is absurdly high.

Hong Kong has plenty of land in other areas, requiring no reclamation, that can be used for housing in the future. Indeed, Hong Kong already has a large stock of unused housing. The funds allocated for the reclamation could be better used for other purposes, such as building or improving hospitals and schools.

The proposed use of public resources is irrational and unsupportable. If carried through, the plans would amount to a disastrous failure of stewardship of Hong Kong's future.

I urge the Panel to abandon the plans immediately.

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