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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my objection to the East Lantau Artificial Island reclamation based on these points:

1. Cost. The project will likely cost all our reserves. Private land sales from the reclaimed land are unlikely to make up for that cost. To make it profitable, less land will be allocated to public housing.
2. Hong Kong needs public housing now. Not in 15-30 years time. Private housing is unaffordable for most Hk people. Make other land available to build NOW, not in 30 years time. Brownfield sites, the fanling golf course, the edges of some country parks. These must be cheaper, and faster, than waiting to build an artificial island first.
3. Population projections for HK don't require the building of this artificial island
4. The money saved could go towards better health and hospital services, a good pension scheme, better social services and so on. It's hard for Hong Kong people to have a decent standard of living these days. Improve their lives and the HK government will get far more support from HK people, leading to a more contented population and less of a need for divisive politics.

Thank you,
James Leong