

**Legislative Council Special Meeting to receive public views on the proposal to construct artificial islands in Central Waters, Hong Kong  
3 minute Oral presentation on behalf of Jenny Quinton. April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 Session 4**

Good afternoon everyone.

The buzz word today has been “to preserve the needs of the next generation”...I would like to speak on their behalf and with them create a ‘vision’ for Lantau tomorrow.

It is not simply a case of your children and your grand-children not having a roof over their heads in the future. Their major concern is whether they will grow up to have a livable planet under their feet. Seriously if every country or territory behaved in the same way that Hong Kong does – incinerators, massive reclamation projects etc – thinking and acting in the old way of doing things – then truly there would be no hope of any planet left for the next generations.

Seriously if you truly care about the next generation you need to listen to them. If you have been paying attention recently you will have noticed the younger generation has been shouting very loudly and even missing school on Fridays. Do you know why? They want action against climate change and for us to stop throwing away the planet’s precious resources – and people! Instead they want to achieve a transformation to ecological civilization.

Yes we do have a problem with housing! Hong Kong will always have a problem with housing as it has a limited carrying capacity and there are much smarter ways of dealing with this problem of which you are aware like tackling population policy, property prices, the housing policy, retro-fitting etc – all the other arguments already put forward.

But we have a much bigger problem to solve and that is being spelled out by the younger generation – how we achieve a transformation to an ecological civilization and here I refer to a paper by Jenna Ho Marris -

She suggests the Lantau Tomorrow Vision has an exciting possibility to become a world showcase to achieve a **transformation to ecological civilization**.

**The Principle of ecological civilization** is clean air, clean water, jobs, housing, education, entrepreneurial opportunity and access to nature. These are the vital components to nurture good citizens and 21st century knowledge workers. It follows the 13th Five Year Plan, the Greater Bay Area Plan, Hong Kong 2030+ Plan and the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals

The GBA has a current population of 68 million forecast to reach 100 million by 2035. It is already the biggest Bay Area in the world. How can it also become the most valuable and productive? Answer - By utilizing and developing its most productive functions for the benefit of the region and making the GBA the fore-runner of the world as an ecological civilization.

Right now, every major financial and industrial city is struggling to achieve ecological civilization according to carbon emissions, air quality, water quality, population health, crime and other indicators.

GBA is unique for its size, as well as its location within the Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot. By pursuing ecological civilization GBA could become the pre-eminent example in the world of Green-Blue Urban Development. In fact Hong Kong and the GBA already have an advantage due to the world leading public transport network and valuable natural assets.

Thank you