

B FGDs & INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS

Appendix B.1

Feedbacks and issues raised by the fishermen in the Focus Group Discussion

Zone	Place	Feedbacks/Issues
A	Kampung Permatang Tepi Laut	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern over the site for Island A as an important fish and prawn area which when reclaimed would destroy it and local fishermen's livelihood since most of them are inshore fishermen. 2. Concern over the length of the underwater/seabed pipeline for sand transport to the construction site and its potential to cause damage to fishing gears. 3. Fear of relocation due to land being acquired by the private company owning the land where their settlement sits when and if the latter decides to develop the land in conjunction with the development of the reclaimed island. 4. Concern over fishing as a vocation of generational tradition and that it should be improved and upgraded.
B	Kampung Sungai Batu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Majority disagreed with the proposed project as the area is the most important prawn and prawn spawning area in Penang and that 99 % of the fishermen in Sg. Batu and Teluk Kumbar are involved in prawn landing. Reclamation will destroy the spawning area and livelihood of the local fishermen. Those who agreed especially among Chinese fishermen only if the reclamation does not affect their livelihood during construction. 2. Worry over the construction method and the surety that disposed materials containing mud would not be washed back to the coasts from its designated disposal area located 30 km away which would potentially threaten and destroy the prawn catching and spawning area. 3. Demand compensation of RM1.5 million each if reclamation is implemented based on the loss and destruction of the prawn catching site which they have to bear to sustain them and the second generation. 4. They also demand for improvement of infrastructural facilities which are especially related to fishing activities such as storage, jetty and generating new economic venture such as seafood eateries or promotion for tourist attraction. 5. Questioned the logic of building low cost or affordable housing on a multi-billion cost island, what more when they are sold to a third party. 6. Voiced concern over the need to see into the welfare of the other members of society such as women, youth and children when it was obvious that the focus was zoomed into the impact on fishermen. 7. Fear of marginalisation with the influx of foreign workers into the area.

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B	Kampung Teluk Kumbar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upset with the state government to rationalize the proposed reclamation project, despite the fact that local fishermen have been grappling to preserve their marine areas from the threat of illegal trawling and Rimau net and that the site is an important fishing ground. 2. Concern over delayed effects of mud/sediments from the 2nd bridge project affecting the water quality and the possibility of a repeat of mud being washed to the shore by the reclamation project, 3. Fear of loss of livelihood and the obstruction of the reclamation for fishing boats to pass through. 4. Compensation is necessary, but there needs long term planning for fishermen to carry on fishing legacy. Fishermen need modern settlements, plans for making existing fishermen involved in more advanced practice, with modern facilities and settlement. They hoped that part of the island will be allocated for fishermen.
C	Kampung Gertak Sanggul	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern over the site for Island C as an important fish and prawn area which when reclaimed would destroy it and local fishermen's livelihood as prawns do not thrive in deep water i.e. beyond the reclaimed land. 2. Should reclamation is implemented the fishing community demanded that they be compensated by giving monthly stipend of RM5,000 to fishermen (owner-operator) and RM3,000 to boat crew or <i>awak-awak</i> for the duration until the completion of the project. 3. They also demand for higher subsidy for petrol and bigger boat should they have to go further for deep sea fishing. 4. The need to build special settlement of affordable housing for fishermen since there are still fishermen who are lodgers. 5. Suggestion to put artificial reefs in the area to attract and stimulate fish and prawn spawning, was not well received as it was said to defeat the purpose when they would be damaged by the trawl nets from 'illegal' trawling carried out in the area.

Appendix B.2

Feedbacks and issues raised by the public in the Focus Group Discussion

Zone	Place	Feedback /Issues
A	Kampung Permatang Tepi Laut	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perceived concern on the possibility that there will be land acquisition for road widening as access road for transportation of construction materials. 2. Fear of relocation due to land being acquired by the private company owning the land when and if the latter decides to develop the land in conjunction with the development of the reclaimed island. 3. That they be relocated at one resettlement place or a new fishing settlement in order to retain and preserve local tradition and culture. 4. Seeking assurance that they be given priority when applying for affordable housing on the island.
C	Kampung Gertak Sanggul	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concern over the impact of the reclamation of the three islands on the habitat of fish and other marine life in the area. 2. Concern over the impact of the reclamation over the physical sustainability or future existence of Kampung Gertak Sanggul when the impact of increased land value may end up in the locals and private land owners to sell off their land. 3. Demand to know more about the project to the very detail of the topside development and the number of job opportunities created and to be briefed during weekends not on weekdays as many were away working. 4. Concern over cultural sustainability as future spill-over development from the reclamation may see to the demise of the kampong atmosphere and social as well as cultural values. 5. Concern over the preservation of the village historical and cultural heritage as well as traditions. 6. Concern over impact on fishermen who have to go further to fish hence have to bear higher petrol cost and the fact that the area is an important prawn breeding area. 7. Concern on survival of future generation through economic and housing benefits for them and the need to conserve the environment. 8. Majority of the locals disagreed with the proposed project due to its long term negative impacts and wanted the environment to be preserved for future generation.

Appendix B.3

CADANGAN PROJEK SKIM TEBUS GUNA LAUT/PENAMBAKAN DI SELATAN PULAU PINANG

Soalan berpandu:

1. Satu Skim penambakan di selatan Pulau Pinang berdekatan dengan tempat anda akan dilaksanakan. (Beri penerangan sedikit guna peta dll.). Apa pendapat anda mengenainya?

Kebaikannya:

Keburukannya:

2. Apakah cadangn anda untuk menambah kebaikananya:

Apakah cadangan anda untuk mengurangkan/mengatasi keburukannya:

3. Apakah harapan anda daripada pelaksanaan projek ini ke atas:

Diri anda:

Keluarga anda:

Masyarakat setempat:

Kawasan Selatan/Barat Daya Pulau Pinang:

4. Apakah anda ada pandangan lain mengenai projek penambakan ini?

5. Apakah yang anda inginkan untuk kemajuan kawasan anda dan kawasan Barat Daya Pulau Pinang?

Sekian. Terima kasih

Peserta: (Bagi perbualan tak formal sahaja)

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Nama kawasan: _____

Appendix B.4

Feedbacks received from the various lead questions brought up for the informal conversation

1. On the PSR project:

Feedback	%
Shrinkage of fishing ground as the project will cover the main fish and shrimp area. Do not reject development but it will give major impact to the fishermen and marine resources.	30.0
Fishermen's Income and resources will be badly affected	15.0
Disagree with reclamation as it may result in mud being washed in by the current to the coasts, repeating what happened after the construction of the Second bridge	5.0
Good for the development of the area and common interest	30.0
Good but what is the surety given to the locals once reclamation is implemented	5.0
Good proposal but afraid that the land fronting the coasts would be acquired due to the status of the land being private property, locals stayed as lodgers	5.0
Good if benefit the locals but disagree if for advantage of specific groups	5.0
Disagree because state government will sell the new land created to foreign investors and employment created given to foreign labour	5.0
Total	100.0

2. On its advantages/benefits:

Feedback	%
Increase property value; improve infrastructure and creation of employment opportunities to the locals.	20.0
Source of increased local and state economy, and attracting foreign investors and tourists	10.0
Not beneficial to fishermen but advantageous to outsiders	5.0
Benefit specific groups only but not local population	65.0
Total	100.0

3. On its disadvantages:

Feedback	%
The establishment of industries in the future will affect marine water quality.	10.0
Fishermen and fish landing will be badly affected.	55.0
Marine water quality will be destroyed and marine life takes long to recover and fishermen will be most affected	35.0
Total	100.0

4. On recommendation for improvement:

Feedback	%
Relocate reclamation to some other place because affecting the local fishing industry in the area	15.0
Go for a more planned development and not too fast development, because fishermen will be affected badly	15.0
To find other alternative site and not in the sea	20.0
To discuss with fishermen in finding out and secure their opinion since they are the directly impacted group	50.0
Total	100.0

5. On reducing the disadvantages:

Feedback	%
Relocate on suitable land or on government land	30.0
Not to disturb marine and island resources as the project's impact is considered serious	15.0
To conduct a study and form a just task force in the study to show whether it is better or worse	35.0
To discuss with the locals particularly the fishermen	20.0
Total	100.0

6. On expectation of the implementation of the project to own self:

Feedback	%
To be considerate on fishermen as they had suffered from the impact of the Second bridge in reducing their income and marine life	20.0
To build a modern fishing settlement on one of the built islands	5.0
To compensate fishermen during the duration of the reclamation period.	5.0
To find other area and not by reclaiming the sea	5.0
Good if benefit the locals but disagree if for advantage of specific groups	50.0
Will bring goodness and not difficulties but should include villagers in development of the area too	15.0
Total	100.0

7. On expectation of the implementation of the project to family members:

Feedback	%
To give priority to locals not foreign labour	30.0
Opportunity for family members to get employment and opening business venture	20.0
Do not disturb the livelihood of fishermen	35.0
Do not know since more negative impacts are seen compared to positive	15.0
Total	100.0

8. On expectation of the implementation of the project to local community:

Feedback	%
All will reap benefit in terms of comfort and harmony	40.0
Business opportunities should be given to keen members of the local community.	20.0
To improve the standard of living of the local fishermen	20.0
To improve the standard of living of the local community together with the development	15.0
To build a modern fishing settlement on one of the built islands i.e. solve the problem of local community first	5.0
Total	100.0

9. On expectation of the implementation of the project to the South Penang:

Feedback	%
To have low cost of living and improved infrastructure	30.0
Employment opportunities to the locals and to build affordable housing.	45.0
Do not destroy the Penang environment and not to inconvenience the fishermen	25.0
Total	100.0

10. On aspiration for the progress of South Penang:

Feedback	%
Upgrade each village and turn each of them as tourist centre and improve the local fishermen as modern fishermen like the west	40.0
Increase standard of living and preserve <i>kampung</i> atmosphere	25.0
To build affordable housing for local population	15.0
Malay interest to be safeguarded and a good development is one that sees to people's problem	20.0
Total	100.0