

Lynas PSC report tabled in Dewan Rakyat

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The parliamentary select committee on the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (Lamp) report was tabled in the Dewan Rakyat today.

The select committee, formed on March 20, submitted its findings and recommendations on the plant in Gebeng, Pahang even before its three-month deadline expires.

However, deputy speaker Wan Junaidi Jaafar reminded that the report is embargoed until 11.30am tomorrow to allow the Dewan Rakyat to debate its findings on whether the rare earths refinery posed hazards to health and the environment.

Previously, it was reported that that the PSC had proposed to the government to impose public consultation sessions prior to launching new high-impact projects, especially one that involves public safety.

Malay-language daily Berita Harian, quoting a source, reported that the people should be made aware about the facts of such projects to avoid political manipulations.

The PSC is headed by Higher Education Minister Mohamed Khaled Nordin, and the members are Abdul Rahman Dahlan (BN-Kota Belud), Teng Boon Soon (BN-Tebrau), Nancy Shukri (BN-Batang Sadong), Liang Teck Meng (BN-Simpang Renggam) and Zulkifli Noordin (Independent-Kulim Bandar Baru).

Three spots were also offered to opposition parliamentarians. However, they decided to not to be involved, insisting that it was a “waste of time” since the government had refused to issue a stop-work order on the plant until the PSC resolved its inquiry.

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