

**DPM mistaken, says S'gor, water issue still simmering**  
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The Selangor government today said there will be no solution to the water issue between it and the federal government until an agreement is reached on the cost of taking over the federal government's water assets.

NONE"I want to say that this is no small matter. The cost of taking over the water assets is between RM5 billion to RM9 billion," said Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim (left) at a press conference after chairing the state government's weekly exco meeting.

Because of the issues surrounding the assets takeover, Khalid said both parties needed to engage into more detailed negotiations before a solution can be found.

He said in principle, however, both sides have agreed to return the management of water to the state as per the aspirations of the rakyat.

An officer from the menteri besar's office also confirmed that there was a freeze on water projects in the state including the Langat 2 water transfer facility until the takeover of water assets is concluded.

DPM said another thing

Khalid's comments follow the announcement made by Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin that the Selangor government had given its consent for the Langat 2 water treatment plant to be built in the state 'bringing to an end an impasse on the matter between the state and the federal government'.

He alleged that Khalid had given his consent at the 5th National Waters Resources Council meeting in Putrajaya that day.

The Langat 2 plant will treat raw water supplied through a tunnel from Pahang and is said to be needed to meet the water needs of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya till 2025.

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