

Support the 100-storey tower, says Khalid
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The proposed 100-storey Warisan Merdeka tower has found an unlikely supporter, with Selangor Menteri Besar Khalid Ibrahim urging the state to take an open approach to the controversial project.

NONESpeaking during Question time at the state assembly today, Khalid (left) said Selangor is part of the federal government's Greater Kuala Lumpur re-development plan, so it only makes sense for the state to lend its support.

"There is an intense debate in Parliament on the need to develop skyscrapers, but we need to support such projects because it spurs economic growth," he said.

Khalid noted that both he and the state secretary are part of the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu) committee on the Greater KL plan.

"We will conduct town hall sessions with the local authorities to explain to the rakyat the plans that were studied by the federal government," he said.

Khalid pointed out that there are many positives for Selangor under the Greater KL plan, which he said would include the RM5 billion 100-storey tower Warisan Merdeka project.

He stressed that the state would benefit directly from the plan, especially since the federal government has decided to include the Klang Valley under the scope of the Greater KL redevelopment project.