

**Withdraw Syabas licence, says Khalid**  
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The licence of Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor Sdn Bhd (Syabas) should be withdrawn if it is found to collect the cost of 20 cubic metres of subsidised water for Tabung Budi.

Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim said Syabas had no right to collect the money from water consumers who benefited from the state government subsidy.

"Consumers wishing to donate cost of water subsidy should return them to the state government and not Syabas as it is state money meant for the people.

"We want the licence given to Syabas withdrawn for failure to honour the water privatisation agreement," he told reporters after attending Selangor government monthly gathering and Innovation Day celebration in Shah Alam today.

Khalid said that he would discuss the matter with the state legal adviser and finance officers as the agreement did not state that Syabas could collect the subsidy.

Tabung Budi allow consumers to waive their right to 20 cubic metres of free water worth RM11.40 monthly and return it to Syabas.

Syabas said the money would be used to reconnect the supply of those denied water for failing to settle their bills.

Describing the move as hypocrisy, Khalid said that Syabas was not charged with caring for the welfare of the people.

"I will write to Syabas asking whether it is against the privatisation agreement signed in 2004," he added.

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