

Selangor Wants Fed Govt's Cooperation On Water Issue
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I welcome the Federal Government's nod to Selangor to restructure the state's water services but I regret it insists on proceeding with the Langat 2 Project even though the state has yet to issue a development order to Langat 2 Project.

Hiccups in the negotiation or discussion of the water services restructuring are mainly because of the lack of positive response, coordination and assistance from the federal government.

In fact, nearly a year after the last meeting, the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water has not called for further discussion or meeting on the state water services restructuring. Without their cooperation and coordination, it is impossible that the state water services restructuring can proceed as the federal government has the final say in Syabas.

Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has clearly stated that he is willing to meet the Special Cabinet Committee and the Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin on this, but there is no response from Muhyiddin yet.

In order to resolve Selangor's water issue, both the federal and state governments have to cooperate and put aside their respective political differences.

Selangor would like to acquire the four water service providers because the state is against privatisation of water services and the state wants to control water tariff and to manage the water services in more effective and efficient ways.

The federal government has officially invited Selangor to work on the water services restructuring a few years ago. Hence the Special Cabinet Committee on water issue should cooperate more positively with the state to reach a win-win resolution on the water issue instead of facing off with the state.