

**Don't Politicise Water Issue - Chin
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 26 (Bernama) - The Selangor government has been urged to stop politicising the restructuring of water tariff due to the construction of Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant (LAL 2).

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Peter Chin Fah Kui said the issue does not arise as the tariffs are determined by Selangor government and not federal government.

In addition, the Selangor government had also granted approval to federal government to build LAL 2.

"I don't have the power to determine the price, it (restructuring of water tariff) is no longer an issue. I ask the Selangor government to give immediate approval to the water project for the welfare of people in Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya," he said when responding to arguments by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (PKR-Permatang Pauh) when winding up the motion of thanks for the royal address by his ministry here Monday.

Anwar had earlier defended Selangor government's action in delaying LAL 2 construction as he was confident it would burden the people with high water tariffs by the federal government.

Chin said that he never closes the door on negotiations with Selangor government on restructuring and construction of the water plant but the decision needs urgent attention at it involves the people.

He said this is important as by 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Putrajaya are expected to face a water crisis if the project is not constructed.

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