

Penang Umno Upset Over Added Conditions For Federal Government Agencies
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NIBONG TEBAL, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- The Penang Umno Liaison Committee today lamented the state government's imposition of additional conditions for the approval of low-cost housing projects of three federal government agencies.

Its chairman, Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman, said the agencies were the Penang Regional Development Authority (Perda), JKP Sdn Bhd and the Urban Development Authority (UDA).

"We received a letter from the local authority stating that from now on all applications for housing projects of the three agencies must be submitted to the State Planning Committee chaired by Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng," he told reporters here.

Under the new practice, only after the committee was satisfied would the projects be referred to the local authority for approval of plans and issuance of the occupancy certificate, he said.

He claimed that the additional conditions were not imposed on private developers who could apply directly to the local authority.

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