

What will KeTTHA do next?

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The draft National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP) published online by the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (KeTTHA) in January, is simply not up to standard. Then we have an older masterplan which was better thought out and designed but it mysteriously 'disappeared'. Does energy efficiency have a future in Malaysia

Tiger prides herself on keeping things simple. A full day for Tiger means eating three square meals, playing in the sun and taking a dip in the nearest pond. And of course, saying her piece on the subject that's closest to her heart: the environment

Which is why Tiger's hackles rose when she got wind of the NEEAP. To recap, the NEEAP is a draft plan designed by KeTTHA to drive nationwide energy efficiency implementation. In other words, it is a plan to help Tiger's beloved country use and conserve energy wisely to ease the burden on the environment.

What got Tiger all riled up was that the NEEAP was carelessly crafted and far inferior to other national-level plans she pored over, such as the one by the Thailand government (read more about it [here](#)). Maybe she is even a little upset because no one asked for her opinion as a member of the public BEFORE drafting the NEEAP, but that is a tail (nay, tale) for another day.

So now, the country is left without a solid direction in which to move in where energy efficiency is concerned. Which is a pity since KeTTHA did start out doing a good job of it with the above mentioned older masterplan, back when Peter Chin was its minister. However, somewhere along the way this masterplan was scuttled in favour of the NEEAP, which was drafted under current minister Maximus Ongkili's watch.

See the pattern of discontinuity? Every time a minister comes into power, he wants to make his mark, often trying to change or fix what already works. This angers Tiger, as the older masterplan (called the National Energy Efficiency Masterplan or NEEMP) got the thumbs up from various stakeholders before being cast aside (read the whole story [here](#)).

The other aspect that has Tiger swishing her tail in consternation is that the government doesn't really appear to be serious about energy efficiency or saving the environment. Otherwise, why implement things in bits and pieces (we already have a Renewable Energy Act, which came out before a proper energy efficiency policy framework was introduced)?

What's worse, the NEEAP itself only focuses on electricity, excludes other types of energy and has completely neglected the transportation sector, which is a huge energy consumer. Tiger is not pleased, as she foresees smog invading her precious jungle as a result.

It has also reached Tiger's ears that the ministry official who drafted the NEEAP has now left KeTTHA, which drags the NEEAP further into limbo. Will KeTTHA have the willpower to see that the NEEAP becomes a full-fledged master plan, or is it also going to collect dust on some dark shelf?

Tiger believes that the ministry should seriously consider updating the NEEMP and give it the recognition it has long been denied. Otherwise, it would mean that all the hard work by the

stakeholders involved will go to waste (not to mention the few million ringgit the ministry forked out to get the NEEMP completed).

At the time of writing, there has been no official word from KeTTHA yet on what they plan to do going forward. So Tiger has to assume that they have read her ramblings and are taking things more seriously now.

What else is a Tiger to do except keep her paws crossed that things will work out in the end? And hope that there is a future for energy efficiency and conservation in her country and that KeTTHA will finally get its act together? In the meantime...

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