

**Minister 'misleading' the public on incinerator project, says  
DAP  
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Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan has come under fire from DAP's Ong Kian Ming for allegedly misleading the public regarding the building of incinerators in Taman Beringin, Kuala Lumpur.

Ong said the minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government had claimed that the bad smell in the area would disappear after an incinerator is built there, but this would not be the case.

"One of the main causes of the bad smell coming from the Taman Beringin Transfer Station is due to the leachate problem from the wet organic waste collected. The minister is silent on how the building of the incinerator can help in getting rid of the leachate problem.

"In other words, there is no assurance that the bad smell will disappear in Taman Beringin after the incinerator is built," the Serdang MP said in a statement today.

Abdul Rahman had said yesterday that incinerators are the way forward and critics should not oppose this based on emotions and half-baked facts.

The minister had said that other developed countries have incinerators and that some sacrifices have to be made if Malaysia is to emulate those countries.

He also criticised the Kepong anti-incinerator group, saying their opposition to incinerators was based on emotions and half-baked facts and took Ong to task for questioning the proposed incinerators as he said Selangor too had plans to build one.

"We will upgrade the waste transfer station and put in a negative pressure chamber to ensure no more foul odour is emitted from the garbage collected there," said Abdul Rahman.

Ong, however, hit out at the minister, pointing out that his criticisms on the proposed incinerator were based on guidelines from the Department of Environment, facts and figures from KL Draft Plan 2020, the Auditor-General's report and from Abdul Rahman's ministry.

"This is a baseless accusation by the minister as the opposition to the incinerator in Taman Beringin, Kepong, has always been based on facts and figures," he added.

"As for his accusation that the Selangor state government also has plans to build an incinerator, I refer him to the reply by Selangor exco, Teng Chang Khim, on November 25, 2013, where Teng had said that the option of building an incinerator was still being studied."

A three-person committee comprising Teng, Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi (Sikajang assemblyman) and Elizabeth Wong (Bukit Lanjan assemblyman) are in the midst of studying issues of waste management and there have not been any tender documents issued or any site identified for the construction of an incinerator in Selangor, Ong said.

He also called on the minister to make public the Request for Proposal (RfP) for the incinerator project in Taman Beringin and reveal the companies shortlisted in the tender process for the incinerator for the sake of transparency.

"The minister had said in parliament that he would make all the documents pertaining to the tender process for the incinerator open to the public.

"If he fails to disclose the RfP and the information about the shortlisted companies, he will not only be going against his own word but also raise doubts that there is something that he is hiding in regards to the bidding

process," Ong added.

The planned incinerators are in Taman Beringin, Malacca and Johor Baru.

Each incinerator is expected to cost between RM800 million and RM1.2 billion.

Abdul Rahman had said work on the much-opposed Taman Beringin incinerator will begin in the middle of next year and start operating in 2018.  
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