

“The cable car project is safe” is just a theory. Look at situations in many hill slope development, only destruction is taking place. Do we want our Bukit Larut to be destroyed?

**TELL THE PERAK STATE GOVERNMENT,
“DON'T RAPE BUKIT LARUT”.**



**Don't turn our Bukit Larut into
another Bukit Antarabangsa Incident!**



Bukit Antarabangsa (Source: CBS News)



Bukit Antarabangsa (Source: The Star)



**DON'T RAPE
BUKIT LARUT
(MAXWELL HILL)**

**All Taiping residents, Bukit Larut is the only
source of water we have. Any development
in this area will destroy our hope to get
clean water supply.**

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WHY WE SHOULD OPPOSE THE CABLE CAR PROJECT?

I. Bukit Larut is a water catchment area

- According to the statistics of Lembaga Air Perak, 21.53 square km is dedicated as water catchment area.
- Any disturbance in THIS areas or NEARBY areas will give adverse effect to water supply as well as the ecosystem surrounding it.
- In the past, construction of a communication tower has caused muddy water in the catchment areas for months.
- If the water catchment areas are affected, drinking water supply to the Northern Perak will be affected.

II. Unstable Slope

- According the slope study, Bukit Larut is recorded to score loss of soil at 150 tonne/hectare/year. This figure makes Bukit Larut not suitable for structures.
- We DO NOT want another Bukit Antarabangsa incident in Bukit Larut.
- Hill development will cause the increase in the volumetric flow of storm water. This will make the unstable slope prone to landslide, and cause danger not only to the tourists, but to the Taiping residents also.
- According to a research conducted by National Landslide Research Centre, UiTM, Bukit Larut is one of fourteen (14) high risks area prone to landslide in Malaysia. These areas are going to be more dangerous if continuous rain falls for 3 days or more.

III. Our only reserve forest

- Back in 1910, 7130 hectares were classified under this category. In addition to that, 2747 hectares of Bukit Larut forest was gazetted again as "Larut Hills Virgin Jungle reserve" in 1962.
- This acknowledgement was given by the Federal Government to ensure the ecosystem is not affected. In a joint ecology study in 1997 by FOMCA and WWF, we have published many recommendations.

- According to the report, "A global overview of protected areas on the world heritage list of particular importance for biodiversity 2000" by World Conservation Monitoring Centre, UNEP, Bukit Larut is classified as one of the Regional Centres of Plant Diversity.
- Tourists will request for more and more facilities to be built in Bukit Larut. Are we going to let Bukit Larut be the next Cameron or Genting Highlands just in order to fulfill those requests?
- Recently discovered new species by foreign scientists had shown that there are some floras and faunas which are only unique to this area and can only be found in Bukit Larut.

IV. Increase on Waste Generation due to tourist in flow

- As tourist in flow increases, the waste generation will also increase. This means that the more forest area needs to be developed for sanitation as well as solid waste management.
- Furthermore, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that Malaysians are very, very good in producing waste. From economic point of view, it will increase the burden on Taiping local council to clear up these wastes.
- Additionally, what will happen when all the hype of the cable car became just another 'white elephant' project? The cable car might be an attraction for the first two to three years, then it will become another waste of money, while the environment has already been damaged.

V. Human traffic flow and its impact

- As tourist in flow increases, animals (fauna) will move away from their natural sanctuary. This will give severe impact to the overall ecosystem.
- Taiping residents nowadays already have problems with monkeys 'intruding' their residential area. We don't need another case of wild animals 'intrude' in residential area which can harm and pose dangerous threat to local community.