



**MENTERI PELANCONGAN, KEBUDAYAAN DAN ALAM SEKITAR SABAH**  
**(MINISTER OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT SABAH)**

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**RE: KAUDUAN DAM**

I thank you for your letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 on the above subject matter.

I would like to clarify certain issues that you brought up in your letter.

- (i) The State Government of Sabah is yet to make a decision on the proposed Kaiduan Dam. It is merely one of the many proposals from the Water Department to address future need of water for the growing population. The proposal is under the purview of the State Ministry of Infrastructure Development.
- (ii) No consultant or contractor has been appointed by the State Government for the 'project'. I was made to understand that the proponent of the proposal has entered the area in question on his own accord, at his own cost to do preliminary findings. The State Government is not contractually bound to the consultant/company or any company.
- (iii) No application has been received by our Department of Environmental Protection to conduct EIA study in the Kaiduan area. The proper procedure is first to discuss and agree to the terms of reference (TOR). The TOR is then displayed at the designated public places for the people to give their views. The issue of EIA having already started as alleged by your goodself does not therefore arise at all.

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I trust the above explanations has set the record straight. The State Government is fully aware of the controversy surrounding the dam proposal and obviously there are many issues to be settled or considered before any decision is made on the proposal. I can assure you that the overriding consideration is the welfare of Sabahans including those residing at the Kaiduan area.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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