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Logic defied on Phase III

Lydia Lam's response to my letter outlining the failure of the government to consult the public on Central Reclamation Phase III ("Beyond dispute", January 12) defies logic. Writing on behalf of the housing minister, she admits that the public consultation was carried out in 2002, two years before the Court of Final Appeal ruled that the government had misinterpreted the law. Her letter ("Phase III above dispute", January 16) also does not deny that the government misinformed the public and the Town Planning Board on people's legal right to object during the 2002 consultation – or that the whole consultation and planning process was fundamentally flawed.

It is therefore completely illogical for the government now to rely on the 2002 flawed public consultation as a proper public consultation.

The facts of the matter are clear. The 2002 consultation was flawed, as the court judgment showed, and the government has refused to carry out any further consultation to cure the flaw. Therefore, the public has never been given a fair opportunity to object to Phase III.

If the government still disputes this, I challenge it to clearly answer the following question: when did it ever carry out any consultation giving the public a fair opportunity to object to Phase III in accordance with the Court of Final Appeal's judgment?

If it cannot answer this simple question, it owes our society, Christine Loh Kung-wai and myself an apology.
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