


SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC )  
OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
Second Regular Session )



15 MAR -3 P4 27

SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 1214

RECEIVED BY: 

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT TAGUIG FISHERMEN ARE OPPOSING AN  
EXPRESSWAY DIKE PLANNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS (DPWH)

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 22 February 2015 reported that some 300 fishermen based in five barangays in Taguig City may lose their sole means of livelihood with the construction of the Laguna Lakeshore Expressway Dike (LLED) in 2016;

WHEREAS, the news quoted Aquilino Causon, president of the City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (CFARMC), as saying that the project calls for the reclamation of 800 hectares of the Laguna Lake in Taguig and Muntinlupa;

WHEREAS, Causon also claimed that this would result in the loss of fishing grounds for 90 fishermen in Barangays San Miguel and Hagonoy, more than 100 fishermen in Lower Bicutan and Old Bicutan, and more than 100 fishermen in Bagumbayan;

WHEREAS, CFARMC reportedly said that the government should have conducted consultations with affected communities before pushing through with the project;


WHEREAS, the LLED, with a total project cost of P122.8 billion, is a priority project of the government and part of the long-term solutions listed in the master plan for flood management in Metro Manila and Laguna province;

WHEREAS, a government is erring if, in its attempt to solve one problem, it creates another, only because it failed to consult all affected parties;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must institutionalize mechanisms for consultations with communities in sites of infrastructure projects;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that Taguig fishermen are opposing an expressway dike planned by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
JP

/fmf