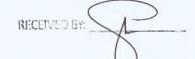
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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE KALIWA DAM PROJECT TO THE ECO-TOURISM INDUSTRY IN TANAY, RIZAL

WHEREAS, the Kaliwa Dam is one of several projects being pursued by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) under its Water Security Plan for 2018-2023¹;

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WHEREAS, the project is expected to provide redundancy of water source and augment supply from Angat Dam, hence, preventing water shortage problems. It aims to ease the strain on the Angat-Ipo-La-Mesa water system and ensure water supply during the occurrence of El Niño²;

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WHEREAS, the main dam will be built in Sitio Cablao, Brgy. Pagsangahan, General Nakar, Quezon / Sitio Queborosa, Brgy. Magsaysay, Infanta, Quezon and the dam tunnel will traverse from the location of the main dam to the province of Rizal³;

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WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Stop Kaliwa Dam Network (SKDN), the construction of the Kaliwa dam will inundate Barangay Daraitan in Tanay, Rizal, with a population of 1,000 households and 500 households from Pagsangahan, General Nakar, Quezon⁴;

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WHEREAS, the study also stated that the construction of the Kaliwa dam will result to a significant loss of income for the area due to the loss of eco-tourism in Tinipak River⁵;

¹ Businessmirror News Website, All eyes on the Kaliwa Dam project: Will its benefits outweigh the costs?, https://businessmirror.com.ph/2020/05/28/all-eyes-on-the-kaliwa-dam-project-will-its-benefits-outweigh-the-costs/
² Ibid.

³ Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System Website, New Centennial Water Source – Kaliwa Dam Project, https://mwss.gov.ph/projects/new-centennial-water-source-kaliwa-dam-project/

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WHEREAS, there is no question regarding the noble purpose of the Kaliwa Dam project, however at the heart of every government project should be to strike a balance between conservation and development;

WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with relevant agencies, must determine the impact of the Kaliwa Dam project to the eco-tourism industry in Tanay, Rizal and recommend possible safeguards now that the Kaliwa Dam is reportedly twenty-two percent (22%) complete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Senate Committee on Tourism to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the possible adverse effects of the Kaliwa Dam Project to the eco-tourism industry in Tanay, Rizal.

Adopted,

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