

People should see the big picture

I URGE the public to stop believing blindly and start thinking what's best for the country. In the context of the Mass Rapid Transport (MRT) system, all this while, I was made to believe that the construction of the MRT in Jalan Sultan will destroy the heritage buildings in the area.

The Committee for the

Preservation of Jalan Sultan and Jalan Bukit Bintang and the Kuala Lumpur-Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLS-CAH) have been making news on the Jalan Sultan issue and have been telling the public about how the MRT will affect our heritage and businesses in the area.

However, after reading a

recent report, I now have a better understanding of what the whole issue is all about. The mutual agreement clearly states that there will be no acquisition nor demolition of shop houses and proper safety measures will be taken during and after the tunneling works.

Yes, the shop owners will

have to vacate their shoplots for a maximum of six months but they will be compensated for any inconvenience and loss of business. That's fair.

I now understand why the Jalan Sultan alignment is the best option compared to the other alternatives proposed by these two groups. It seems

that the alternative alignments will create more negative impact on landowners and cause privately-owned buildings to be demolished than only three government-owned buildings in Jalan Sultan.

The other options will also make it more difficult for public transport

users to change from station to another.

I sincerely hope the people will get a clearer picture of the situation of believing blindly upon the components to the plan, I say.

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