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## **INVESTING BILLIONS TO BUILD UP WATER SUPPLY CAPACITY IN SEBERANG PERAI**

### **Upcoming projects:**

- **BOT project for an 80 MLD Water Treatment Plant in SPS (June 2027).**
- **RM250 million for 114 MLD Sungai Kerian Water Treatment Plant in SPS (under the Water Contingency Plan 2030).**
- **300 MLD Penang-Perak Water Project (P-PWP) by 2031.**

PENANG, Saturday, 4.7.2026: PBAPP will invest billions of ringgit to ensure water supply sufficiency and security in Seberang Perai to support rapid industrialisation and property development projects that will benefit the people and local businesses.

In December 2023, PBAPP commissioned the RM18.6 million DAF module in the Bukit Panchor Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to increase the plant's maximum water treatment output by 10 MLD.

In March 2025, PBAPP invested RM8.1 million to commission a 6.4 million litres per day (MLD) SPS Compact WTP to supply water to about 4,000 water consumers nearby.

Over the next 5 years, other major water projects that will be undertaken include:

- A build-operate-transfer (BOT) project that will deliver an additional 80 MLD of water in SPS by 2027. More details of this BOT project will be announced separately soon.
- The RM250 million Sungai Kerian WTP project (under the Water Contingency Plan 2030 or WCP 2030) that will increase PBAPP's maximum designed water treatment capacity by 114 MLD in SPS by 2030.
- The 300 MLD Penang-Perak Water Project (P-PWP) that is scheduled to come online by 2031. The primary objective of the P-PWP is to achieve water supply security in SPS and Seberang Perai Tengah (SPT) from the 2030s.

The sum of all these forward-looking investments, for the benefit of SPS and SPT, is being finalised. However, we can safely say that the total will be counted in billions of ringgit.

### **Unwavering commitment to meet Penang’s water needs in the 2030s**

These massive investments reflect PBAPP’s unwavering commitment to meet Penang’s water needs in the future.

The amount is hefty but the rationales are simple:

1. The BKIP 3 in SPS must have sufficient water supply to successfully emerge as Penang’s newest industrial hub.
2. Massive property development projects such as the Skyworld Cassia property development project in SPS and other similar projects in SPT must be supported by sufficient water supply.
3. Projected population and socioeconomic growth in SPS and SPT will drive up overall water demand in the 2030s.

It may be said that PBAPP is “working ahead of time” as a responsible state water operator.

The bottom-line is that Penang cannot wait to run out of water, now or in the 2030s. Without enough water supply, all of Penang’s socioeconomic growth projects will not take off or succeed.

So, if we want a brighter future for SPS, SPT and the State of Penang, we must do the right things right now. PBAPP will not falter in its quest to build a more robust and stable water supply system that can deliver more water to more people and businesses in the future.

Thank You.

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