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We can do more to protect green lungs

Many years ago, when Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo was Selangor menteri besar, my letter on the plan to degazette part of a forest reserve near FRIM (Forest Research Institute Malaysia) was published here.

I was indignant at the idea. It was highlighted in the papers and the proposal quickly fell through with Khir Toyo himself pledging to protect the forest reserve.

Now FRIM is again under threat with a proposal to build an elevated highway cutting through the forest reserve, thus destroying a very important local heritage.

We don't need more roads. We just need better traffic manage-

ment, better maintained roads and better drivers. What we need most are more green lungs and not destroy the little we have left.

I am very much against any action that is detrimental to our green lungs. It is high time that these sites be protected in perpetuity so that no one is able to threaten their existence.

It is also high time for the authorities to force the construction companies, contractors and sub-contractors to find another method that complements and embraces the environment and greenery and not destroy it.

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