

Raise gantry across river to prevent floods from recurring, TNB urged

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TENAGA Nasional Berhad (TNB) has been urged to raise the gantry across Sungai Balak, which runs along Kampung Baru Balakong, as a flood mitigation measure.

During a site visit, Balakong assemblyman Eddie Ng said the gantry obstructed the river flow during floods.

"This causes a backflow and is one of the causes for floods. After the floods, we always see garbage stuck at the gantry and TNB will have to clean it up," Ng said.

"The left gantry is lower due to erosion at the riverbank and we hope TNB can raise it to prevent floods from recurring, TNB came for a site visit on July 15 and promised to have it fixed within two weeks.

"Two weeks have passed and nothing has been done. My assistant has been trying to contact them but there is no reply."

Ng said after a flood on Nov 1 last year, he had contacted the relevant authorities to prevent recurrence.

"The Hulu Langat Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) received a RM5mil allocation to upgrade Sungai Balak.

"The state has also allocated RM1.5mil for upgrading works of 39 retention ponds, which include desilting works," he said.

He said according to the Meteorology Department, heavy rainfall was expected in September and October.

"We understand rainfall can vary from one month to another but we need to take necessary precautions.

"Normal rainfall is at 40mm. If it rains for more than 30 minutes, there will be floods in Hulu Langat," he said.

He urged all parties, including the public, to do their part.

TNB could not be reached for comment at press time.



Ng is urging TNB to raise the gantry across Sungai Balak in Balakong to mitigate flood waters.