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Flats in parks would hurt water supply

In the debate over the use of Hong Kong's country parks for housing it is surprising that no one, including our environment minister, has pointed out their importance for water supply.

Water, through rainwater, is our most valuable natural resource. New housing development anywhere is in conflict with environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, our highland areas, including existing country parks, have the potential to increase the local sourcing of water supply from the current level of below 25 per cent to approaching 50 per cent if groundwater is also exploited.

Contaminated water will require spending more money on water treatment.

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