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to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan



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**THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF HINATUAN**

THRU: **HON. NERITO P. MALINAO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur

**Dear Hon. Malinao:**

This pertains to the Privilege Speech of Hon. Anthony Joseph P. Cañedo, SP Member, concerning the urgent issue of river turbidity in the Municipalities of Tagbina and Hinatuan, which was referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection and Ecology and was treated during the October 22, 2024 Committee Meeting.

During the meeting, wherein the representatives from different concerned agencies presented their respective reports and assessment on the present situation of the rivers above-stated. The CENRO-DENR Bislig City also rendered the Report of Laboratory Analysis (ROLA) from the Environmental Management Bureau – XIII Regional Environmental Laboratory Unit (RELU) of the water samples collected during the investigation of the alleged discoloration of Hinatuan River.

After a thorough discussion on the matter, the Committee has recommended that the LGUs of Hinatuan, Tagbina, and Barobo should come up with a Resolution (Manifesto or Position Paper) to express their stand on the negative impacts of water turbidity in their rivers, particularly on farmers, fisherfolk, and aquafarmers. These resolutions will be considered in the development of the new Provincial Environmental Code, ensuring that all sectors are taken into account.

In view hereof, may we earnestly request for the passage of a resolution manifesting your stand on that pressing issue.

Anticipating your favorable action on the matter.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. JOSE DUMAGAN, JR.**  
Chairman  
Committee on Environmental  
Protection and Ecology