

# Govt will implement more effective waste management system nationwide: Zuraida

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Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin looks at plans for the construction of the integrated transport terminal, during a visit to the project site near Bandar Baru Bukit Besar in Terengganu. — Bernama

**KUALA TERENGGANU:** The Ministry of Housing and Local Government will implement a more organised and effective solid waste management system nationwide, according to its minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

For a start, she said four landfill sites equipped with modern technologies would be constructed in Terengganu.

Four locations which have been identified as landfill sites in the state are Sungai Ikan, to cater to Kuala Terengganu and Setiu districts, Bukit Jemalang (Kemaman and Dungun), Tertak Batu (Marang and Hulu Terengganu) and Pengkalan Keling (Besut).

“I was briefed yesterday that there are seven local authorities in the state but the landfill sites here are scattered and not effectively managed.

“As such we need to have the solid waste management coordinated in maintaining cleanliness which will help boost the tourism industry in Terengganu,” she told reporters after visiting the proposed site for a transportation terminal at KT Sentral near Bandar Baru Bukit Besar, here today.

Currently, Terengganu only produces about 500 tonnes of garbage daily and the amount is categorised as moderate as compared to other developed states, with Selangor producing 7,000 tonnes and Kuala Lumpur 3,000 tonnes daily.

According to Zuraida the ministry was now focusing on a systematic and orderly approach in waste management, regardless of the quantity of solid wastes produced in a state.

On the construction of the integrated transport terminal, Zuraida said the federal government would support the proposal, but the state government would have to give a more detailed presentation to Minister of Economic Affairs Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali and the ministry, for approval.