

Press Release
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RESPONSE TO EARL DEVEAUX.

The attempt by Earl Deveaux, The Minister of the Environment to pollute the issues relating to the relocation of the container port to Arawak Cay by attempting to smear my name is as transparent as it is politically dishonest. Mr. Deveaux delivered documents to the press which purport to show a conflict in this matter on my part. This is consistent with the strategy and play book of the FNM to every criticism of public policy. They cut, slash, burn and destroy. This is not what the Bahamian people expect from them and it certainly is not what is expected of Earl Deveaux who so often seeks to portray himself as above the fray. He and the government are obviously rattled by the calls of Bahamians to be transparent and accountable to the Bahamian people on the Container port at Arawak Cay. Clutching at straws and attacking me does not address the numerous concerns the Bahamian have with regard the relocation of the container port.

The facts are clear with regard to my involvement with Arawak Cay Container Port proposal. There is no conflict of interest as I have no interest direct or indirect and my commitment to save Saunders Beach and to stop the folly of the government in its bone headed decision remains focused and determined.

The fact is that there was never any question of a plant in which I was involved going to Arawak Cay. The government of the day headed by former Prime Minister Perry Christie had already decided that no industrial plants were to be ^{located} ~~erected~~ at Arawak Cay. Mr. Deveaux knows this and if he does not he should do his homework and check the file before spreading political proganda. Conveniently and for political purposes he chose to be selective in what he released to the public. Shame on him.

In the interest of all Bahamians the Committee will continue to insist that the government put all the facts on the table as it relates to Arawak Cay, including but not limited to an Environmental Impact Assessment, a traffic study, the real cost of the container port and an accompanying financial feasibility report.

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