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\$150m clean-up ⁷₂₃₋₄

The Government is to pump more than \$150 million into controlling pollution at Kai Tai nullah and Kowloon Bay typhoon shelter.

Raw sewage is released straight into Kowloon Bay through the nullah in the Wong Tai Sin and Kun Tong districts.

Local residents have complained again and again about the stinking water which they have to use to flush toilets in their homes.

Now the Government has drawn up "remedial plans" to try to put things right.

The Water Supplies Department is to resite the existing pumping station for flushing water to Cha Kwo Ling.

Work on the category A project is expected to start next year and be completed in early 1987.

At the same time, the Engineering Development Department is to install

screens at the Kai Tak nullah to reduce pollution.

Some 480,000 cubic metres of sludge has already been cleared from the bay.

Construction of a waste water treatment plant in King Yip Street, Kun Tong, also started in May.

The \$150 million project is to be completed in April 1987.

The department also awarded a \$3.9 million contract for three pumping plants, an oxygen storage compound, a control house and a transformer house which will take a year to complete.

This work will be carried out along the seawall at the top end of the typhoon shelter. The idea is to pump pure oxygen into the water to prevent the formation of methane gas.

Meanwhile, surveys by the

Environmental Protection Agency in Kun Tong have found that air pollution in the district in 1984/85 was worse than that of the previous year.

The sulphur dioxide and nitrogen content had increased substantially. A full survey report is expected to be released in a few months.

The Labour Department has received 122 complaints about air pollution in Kun Tong since October and inspected 1,000 factories.

Sixteen prosecutions were brought against factories over excessive chimney smoke or illegal installation of ovens.

According to recent survey of the Kun Tong area, local residents and factory workers believe air pollution is getting worse and many said they suffer respiratory problems which they blame on car and factory fumes.