

## **Giving Way to Water Seeking Creative Collaborations for a Sustainable City**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This paper focuses on the Indonesian urban sanitation sector by placing it within the wider urban infrastructure sector and spatial system. In this paper, 'sanitation' is limited as domestic wastewater collection and treatment. Through our understanding that the sanitation sector and its problematic are interdependent with other infrastructure networks within urban spatial development, we will not see the problems as merely technical ones, e.g. lacking of finance, management capacity and technological solutions. This paper aims to 1) show that unevenness of wastewater infrastructure development is rooted in uneven spatial development; 2) show that defining 'sustainable city' as a future path for planning our urban environment necessitates more attention to the sanitation sector with its economical, social and ecological aspects; 3) seek a framework for identifying creative collaborations that can inform policy making in Indonesian water and sanitation sector.*

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