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**KOTA KINABALU:** National Consumer Foundation Sabah chairman David Chan urges Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) not to increase the tariff rate because the ICPT (Imbalance Cost Pass-Through) mechanism has just been implemented.

His concern stems from the potential financial burden on consumers who may already be adjusting to the changes brought by the ICPT.

Chan in a statement on Thursday stressed the need to balance the financial health of SESB with the economic well-

being of consumers, especially in the early stages of a new cost-recovery mechanism like the ICPT.

He also highlighted the disappointment of consumer groups in the state over the recent floods that occurred in several districts.

Chan said that the recent flash floods in Sabah, particularly in districts like Penampang and Menggatal had been exacerbated by clogged drainage systems and heavy downpours.

"The floods resulted in significant disruptions, including

submerged vehicles, damaged homes and displacement of residents. Poor maintenance of drainage systems has been identified as a key issue, with blockages preventing proper water flow and causing overflow onto roads and into residential areas," he opined.

Efforts to address these issues include emergency responses by fire and civil defense teams, as well as discussions on the need for improved drainage infrastructure and a more proactive maintenance of the infrastructure," he stressed.