

AN AUTHORITY CONFLICT OF BATAM BUSINESS AGENCY WITH BATAM CITY GOVERNMENT BASED ON JOHN GAVENTA LEVEL DIMENSION

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe power conflicts in the area of Batam's free trade zone (FTZ) using qualitative research methods. The theory used by Powercube according to John Gaventa specializes in the level Dimension approach. After the issuance of Law Number. 53 of 1999 concerning Regional Government, affecting the status of Batam City to become the City Government of Batam. The positive effect that occurs, the Batam region has two bodies that have authority in its management, namely the Batam City Government to carry out the functions of government and development by including the Batam Authority Agency (BP Batam). While the negative effects, Law Number 23 the year 2014 became weak and not fully implemented, with dualism in the management of the Batam area, a conflict of authority emerged between BP Batam and Batam City Government. The dualism of authority that occurred between BP Batam and the Batam City Government would certainly be detrimental to the Batam area. This is because the two authorities claim to have authority in the management of the Batam area. The attitude of prioritizing interests by referring to the legal foundation and the basis of other sides, such as historical and economic and political aspects to strengthen their bargaining position, became the trigger of the conflict.

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