



Government Administration Committee A
Inquiry on AI Data Centres in Tasmania

The House of Assembly Standing Committee on Government Administration A has resolved to inquire into and report upon the construction and operation of AI data centres in Tasmania.

Members of the public may use this form as a template to provide comment on the Committee Inquiry Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference are set out below and comments should be limited to these areas.

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Submissions should be received by the closing date of **Monday, 21 September 2026** and should be emailed to assemblygaa@parliament.tas.gov.au, or posted to: Secretary, Inquiry into AI Data Centres in Tasmania, Parliament House Hobart, 7000.

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Terms of Reference:

Inquire into and report upon the construction and operation of AI data centres in Tasmania, including recommending future legislation and regulations necessary to:

1. Protect public resources and the environment;

This must be the number one priority.

2. Ensure Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning System adequately recognises and addresses the specific impacts of the development and construction of AI and data facilities;

Definitely important to ensure management and planning schemes are fit for purpose.

3. Provide Parliamentary oversight and accountability for new facility construction and resource allocation;

An important factor, if we as a community and a state decide we actually these developments.

4. Ensure transparent public disclosure of resource consumption;

Tasmania's resources belong to all Tasmanian's. Not to politicians or people who wish to profit from them. Transparency is an absolute essential.

5. Provide the Tasmanian community with adequate opportunities for consultation;

For too long decisions have been made about people's lives without those people having a say. Data centres are definitely a subject which must be decided on by informed communities, for informed communities for the benefit of all, now and into the future.

6. Ensures the Tasmanian community receive tangible benefits from all AI and data facilities constructed in the state; and

Please assure me that this does not mean AI DATA centres in Tasmania are a fait accompli. I believe the benefits will come to those communities, states, countries who are sufficiently informed and intent on the common good, to SAY NO TO DATA CENTRES!!

7. Any other matter incidental.

Apologies, I have not had the time to comment in more detail.
Thank you to the members of this committee who are dedicated to ensuring that this inquiry makes decisions and rulings which allow and enable our cherished Tasmania to retain its unique and valuable advantages over so many places in this world, particularly in relation to nature and the environment. Both of which we are only a small part of but we must work hard to protect. I wish you luck!