



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;

**In 10 yrs. time when all our resources have been extinguished and a new form of data collection storage system is built, we will end up with an environmental mess, both with clean up, repair and mass mental health issue with the populus.
There are better ways. stop these centres from destroying Over 150 yrs of work..**

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;

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

4. Ensure transparent public disclosure of resource consumption;

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

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

7. Any other matter incidental.

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