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Submission Against Data Centres in Australia

I am against building data centres in Australia due to the following points, none of which I believe have been given proper consideration by the Australian Government.

24/7 heat generation which would have a huge environment impact particularly in the current warming climate because of these data centres which require enormous amounts of water consumption.

Water consumption. Australia is a dry country at the beginning of a major El Nino cycle. There is not enough water to go around as things stand, we cannot afford to add this huge burden to our existing water demands.

Electrical consumption. The cost of electricity to the average Australian household is already hardly affordable and climbing. The amount of green electricity doesn't yet cover demand. Who is going to pay for the extra power needed to run these data centres and will it involve the use of more non-renewable energy?

24/7 noise pollution and 24/7 light pollution can already cause serious mental health issues in the general population and is often a problem that is overlooked and needs addressing even in everyday urban life, that generated by data centres goes way beyond that and is an unacceptable burden on the community.

Environmental impacts and the general **cost to the community** far outweigh any benefit, in fact I can see no benefit. If experience of the governments performance of selling off our natural resources and not taxing overseas companies is anything to go by the costs would most likely be borne by the community and all Australian citizens while the **profits are going to large overseas corporations.**

I am very concerned that many large data centres are being approved all across Australia without voter or community consultation. I call on the Tasmanian and the Federal Government to call for **an immediate moratorium** before any data centres are approved or built.

As far as I am concerned there is nothing at all positive to these large data centres only negatives.

Would you put one in your front yard?

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