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Dear Mr Brian Mitchell, MP, Chairperson,

My wife and I went along to the public meeting at Moriarty Hall several weeks ago, fully expecting a public forum allowing questions and answers re the proposed AI Centre to be built at Wesley Vale on the site of the old papermill.

Instead we were confronted with a static display with selected information re the project. Looked like and sounded like a presentation to woo the audience (perhaps pacify).

We had questions re water usage and recycling, storage of same plus back up supply in case of our annual dry period especially November through to February. We had been watching for months that a waterline was being installed and were curious as to a) the source of supply and b) the "owner" of such an expensive "irrigation" scheme. Now we know both answers.

40 back up generators we were told at this meeting - thats a lot of diesel but more to the point - if so foolproof and reliable what says that about "expecting" a power shortage.....we managed a very large dairy farm for years and never had a generator in case of a power outage !!!! 200 generators for Launceston AI Centre

The secrecy and the speed of planning worries us because if there is an environmental/health issue from a failure to have accurately predict (yes predict as no current AI sites with a several years of operational experience behind them to have DATA collected re health to the community, environment etc) what come back besides "ooops sorry" do we have? By then it's far too late - perhaps Whittenoom in the Pilbara might rear its ugly head here.....

Great economical benefit for the local economy during the development/construction period. Depends on how many Tasmanian contractors are employed versus mainland/overseas skill sets. Then, when completed, you have a minimal skilled staff running the operation and the huge income from the "business" going back across the Strait to ??? where.

My utmost and biggest concern was the comment by the **Prime Minister** recently regarding the need to investigate regulations pertaining to the location of AI Centers in relation to proximity of schools - that immediately suggests two things:

- 1) The Government **HAS** a concern (it may be minute but it's there) about AI Centers and proximity to schools **"CHILDREN"** again like the Whittenoom children playing in sandpits of asbestos - TOO LATE to say sorry.
- 2) Why is the Tasmanian Government so keen to rush these approvals through - is it because the Federal Government may soon change the playing field and "we need to get up and running before this happens" !!!!

How much say do the locals actually have? We asked one of the key presenters at the Moriarty Hall meeting, "would you live next to an AI Centre"? - there were 8 of us standing waiting for his answer - he refused to answer. So that's a NO then..... There is a huge difference between being told what is happening and questions/concerns being answered AND the way this AI Centre is quietly being rushed through before the DANGERS (possibly/probably) present themselves to our children.

Thank you for reading our submission regarding the AI Centre issue in our local Community.

Best regards
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