



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;

I do not want Tasmanians to have an energy strain, water depletion, air pollution, loss of farmland or impact to farmland, noise pollution because of data centres being part of Tasmania's economy or environment.

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;

I do not think Tasmanians have representation that understand Data Centres impacts during construction and development we should be guided by other experiences in the world US, Thailand for example

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

4. Ensure transparent public disclosure of resource consumption;

Real water consumption
Energy contracts
Emissions
Chemical use
Waste heat discharge
Noise levels

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

No Fast Track Approvals

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

Maintenance of infrastructure shared
(power, road, water)

Long term benefits not just construction

Private demand should not result in
public paying for upgrades of shared
infrastructure

7. Any other matter incidental.