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The Secretary
Government Administration Committee A
Inquiry on AI Data Centres in Tasmania
The House of Assembly
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Dear Members,

Recent attempts by the State Government to amend the Land Use and Planning Approvals (LUPA) Act, plus Firmus' Bell Bay AI Data Centre Planning Application appear to provide ample evidence that the LUPA Act is no longer fit for purpose.

In our respectful submission, therefore, adding further 'Band-Aid' AI Data Centre amendments will only compound the problem.

A new approach is necessary.

The Act is much too complicated, and too hard to understand for the majority of the Tasmanians it is supposed to serve.

Local Councils have not only been prevented from exercising enough discretion to interpret the Act on a case by case basis, they have also been prevented from properly cooperating with neighbouring Councils in order to generate appropriate resources for assessing AI Data Centre Development Applications.

Local Councils are not to blame, the problem lies with the State Government. George Town Mayor, Greg Keiser, for example, emphasised on ABC Radio (26/8/26) the "[very simple statutory role](#)" that Council has as a Planning Authority to assess applications on merit versus the Planning Scheme.

[Professor David Adams](#), University of Tasmania, has demonstrated a good understanding of this long standing planning approvals problem, and has been advocating a new and innovative solution for many years.

We recommend therefore that the Committee seek Professor Adams' advice on an appropriate Tasmanian solution to this AI Data Centre mess.

Yours sincerely,

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