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To the Committee Secretary,

(Please keep my contact details confidential. I do not wish to appear as a witness).

I am a mother of four and have lived in George Town for almost 17 years.

I did not just casually end up here. Nearly 17 years ago, as a 21-year-old single mother coming out of a six-year domestic violence relationship, I packed up everything I had left, took my three children under the age of five and our family dog, and left behind everyone and everything I had ever known in Sydney. I deliberately chose George Town over busier city life because my children needed safety, peace, community kindness, and a slow-paced environment where they could have a wholesome family life. My youngest was born here, and I hoped my future grandchildren would be raised here too.

I welcome sensible local improvements that support families—like our Child and Family Learning Centre, better parks, community events, and local food spots. But turning our municipality into an industrial sacrifice zone with sardine-can units, massive wind farm zones, and now a 288 MW data centre is not community progress; it is corporate greed.

The proposed Firmus facility at Long Reach and the tech pipeline across the north threaten the very peace and safety I chose for my children. We are already dealing with intense cost-of-living pressures. Handing over our island's power, water, and quiet coastlines to multinational data halls while local families face soaring bills, heavy resource demands, and constant industrial hum is unconscionable.

A project of this scale should never have bypassed rigorous state-level scrutiny. It is horrifying to watch the sanctuary I chose for my children being eroded to the point where I am left wondering where on earth my family can even move to if George Town is ruined by over-development.

Please recommend an immediate freeze on mega-scale AI data centres and protect the peace, resources, and future of Tasmanian families.

Kind regards,

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