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Dear Mr Brian Mitchell, Ms Tabatha Badger, Ms Helen Burnet, Ms Anita Dow, Ms Madeleine Ogilvie, Professor George Razay and Mr Mark Shelton

I am writing to formally object to the building of AI data centres in Tasmania. We as a community **have at no stage been consulted in regard to any such development whatsoever. These** centres have appeared to have been fast tracked and are popping up everywhere like cancers. Are we to assume that these centres do not require the usual vote (usually necessary of a democracy) and are to be just considered a "fait accompli"? The centre being built at St. Leonards, within 3km from my residence is apparently over half way constructed already and we as a community had no idea it was proceeding, let alone approved.

We are entitled to complete transparency, actual disclosure of how these facilities impact local water, air, and the people and animals/wildlife habitats who live in the surrounds . From where will the electricity originate ? How much water will be required? Who pays for infrastructure upgrades? What is the environmental impact? Our planning laws, energy, policies and regulatory systems were never designed with facilities of this scale in mind .

I believe this infrastructure has real and dire consequences for the communities built around them, environmentally, physically, mentally and financially.

The endless hum of fans used to cool the centre, sometimes at decibels animals only can hear, will be enough to drive any sane human and animal mad. Tired and angry communities are not happy ones and I fear for the impact this will have on crime rate rising, domestic violence rising and for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of all people. The ramifications of this will be horrendous, an almighty strain on the already strained health system for one.

Scientists are warning that AI data center emissions are reaching crisis levels in America and demand urgent action. Diesel generators are emitting tons of toxic nitrogen oxides annually in America, and the noise generated by these generators is not quiet. This pollution is linked to respiratory illness and long term health damage. The broader carbon footprint is equally alarming.

Water depletion is a very real concern. We don't always have enough water here in Tasmania, and we are always put on water restrictions in the summer. Where is the research and what are the anticipatory solutions in regard to how this will be managed should these centres end up causing major water depletion in the nearby communities?

Worse still, farmers in America are reporting data centres killing bees as the EMF emitted disrupts the magnetic navigation system of bees . And we all know what happens to a world without bees.....again, where are the documented planning and solutions should this occur here in Tasmania?

There is no regulation at the moment for these data centres so how can you possibly let them go ahead without community /public knowledge or opinion/input? I find it absurd, ludicrous and hypocritical that the government is asking us to conserve energy, drive electric cars, use LED lighting, etc etc etc yet here you are letting data centres be built that drain our energy resources and pollute the environment. It just does not make sense and is the epitome of hypocritical and disorganized thought processes.

What is the point of lining your pockets if we are all going to be dead in a decade anyway when AI turns on us? At present, we are aware of a tiny fraction of the impact of AI, yet here are our governments committing 150% to these centres financially without having any idea of the possible impact of these centres, that clearly won't be apparent until it may be too late.

The very short term impact this is going to have on farming and food security, physical and mental health will be swift , and we all know we can't eat data.

Can you please record this as a formal objection, I thank you for taking

the time to read my submission.

Regards

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