

AI Data Centres

Ms ROSOL question to MINISTER for HOUSING and PLANNING

My question is on behalf of a growing number of Bass locals who are contacting my office with concerns about the unregulated growth of AI and data facilities. They say: we are learning there are no state regulations or specific legislation for these resource-intensive facilities. Tasmania has no binding conditions for local employment creation or public disclosure of what these centres are being used to run or how much of our energy and water they consume. Your Liberal government has gifted our resources to these big centres without asking our community what they want. They don't want to see Tasmania become the wild west for big tech companies, consuming our energy and water while billionaires benefit more than they do.

Minister, will you listen to community concerns and act to ensure tailored planning rules for AI centres and best management of AI and data facilities in Tasmania that ensures community benefit, and will you attend a public meeting the Greens plan to hold in Bass on 15 July to listen to the community's view on AI and data facilities?