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Dear receiver of this mail,

I want to share my concerns, and object to the current proposed data centres.

First, how did the consultation with Palawa peoples go about data centres on stolen land?

Then there are all the health concerns for people, animals, water, air... 40 diesel motors close to houses, schools and wildlife can't be considered healthy. Especially during summer nights or days without wind. Diesel is carcinogenic, why would people living around data centres be put at risk? What will 40 diesel motors emit? What are the health standards for clean air, and what will be done if limits are exceeded? The application does not provide a clear assessment, and health experts should be consulted.

The noise will drive people mad. Students concentrating at schools will suffer from constant industrial sound if this reaches their ears. How will this be tested? We need to know how these operations won't cause distress in communities. What will the diesel motors emit? How will this affect people and wildlife?

Also, 24 hour lightning, diesel fumes, waste heat, and noise will affect the living environment of wildlife as well as surrounding agriculture. How will the heat be regulated in times of heatwaves, like we expect this summer with the upcoming El Niño? The liters of diesel and lithium battery installation will be at risk with extreme heat. How much water will the data centres use? And how will this water use be managed? Again, especially during drought. Will farmers and other land users suffer from the data centres pollution of water?

The natural resource impact assessment was based on a historical baseline of 16 years ago! As lot changes and a proper assessment will need to occur again.

Please don't make it so easy for Firmus to pollute and affect the health of many people, animals and the wider environment.

Kind regards,

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