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MY SUBMISSION INTO AI DATA CENTRES IN TASMANIA

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject.

The most important action for the Tasmanian government to consider is to immediately call a moratorium. If you wait until you have processed all the submissions on this subject it will be too late.

There is worldwide concern about the rapidity of installations and some CEOs of foreign AI companies have already resigned in protest and are calling for a halt worldwide.

Here in Tasmania, Firmus already has 3 AI projects in the pipeline and propose a further six.

As the prime minister is not issuing a moratorium and instead wants to await a regulatory framework and national standards it is vital that we instigate one here. It will be months before the rules and regulations are passed in federal parliament and by then it will be too late. Firmus will have had a strong foothold here and will be using vast amounts of our power and water to the detriment of householders, agriculture sector and current businesses.

I urge you therefore to immediately create a moratorium on AI projects.

Kind regards

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