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To whom it may concern

Please find listed below some of my concerns regarding **AI Data Centres in Tasmania.**

1. Data Centres have not yet been proved to be economically viable. Once built they need few people to run them thus not assisting with providing long term employment for Tasmanians
2. Data Centres have a high-power usage. This is bound to impact on Tasmanians who will no doubt pay increased power bills with extra power being generated in non-renewable resources.
3. Data Centres also have a high water usage. Once again this may well prove to be unsustainable increasing the cost and availability of water to Tasmanians.
4. The current planning legislation is not fit for purpose with regard to assessing the siting of Data Centres. Planning assessment is essential and should therefore include other instrumentalities, Parliament, the Planning Commission and the EPA.
5. Where is the business case and community involvement before someone in power decided that Tasmania should and must have AI data centres ? No transparency or proper process would seem to have been followed to date.
6. Where is the social licence for these Data Centres? They are huge structures, gobbling power and water in addition to the noise factor for residents.
7. Where is the regulation and knowledge in Tasmania for this new and extremely daunting technology that even the experts cite as possibly escape human control and overtaking mankind?!

Recommendations

- The Tasmanian public are advised of all aspects of facts surrounding Data Centres, and are included in the debate and decision making as to their viability and use in this state.
- A definitive economic case as to the viability of AI Data Centres is compiled and open for public comment.
- Both instrumentalities i.e. the Hydro and Tas Water release their plans for power and water usage by Data Centres to the public.
- A moratorium is in place until all environmental, social and social issues including public safety resource use, pollution and regulation are resolved.

Regards,
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