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1. I am very concerned about the amount of water and electricity required to run AI data centres. This is particularly worrying as we continue to feel the effects of climate change where water is likely to become an increasingly precious resource. We know that we are heading into a super-el-nino this season. How can we be sure that we are going to be able to sustainably supply the huge demands of these centres without impacting the environment and our daily life.

3. Will the construction and resource allocation be overseen by the parliament?

4. The lack of transparency that has been apparent in the process thus far is also of concern. As resident rate payers, we are entitled to be kept informed about how resources are going to be allocated.

5. It seems like the data centres at both Georgetown and Wesley Vale are being pushed through with very little community consultation. This is unacceptable given the huge resource requirements involved.

6. It is unclear what the ongoing benefit to the community will be. What is the economic trade-off between jobs provided and resources consumed?

7. How much do we know about the environmental impacts of data-centres that have been operating off-shore for sometime? Has this been addressed? I can see in the EPA minutes that they are not involved in the planning and building stages and will only advise once the centres are operational.

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"that one or both of the applicable criteria under the Board's Guidelines for making decisions under delegation – Determining when an assessment is not required had been met by the referred application, and therefore that assessment by the Board under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994 is not required;"

This is also deeply concerning!



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