



Government Administration Committee A
Inquiry on AI Data Centres in Tasmania

The House of Assembly Standing Committee on Government Administration A has resolved to inquire into and report upon the construction and operation of AI data centres in Tasmania.

Members of the public may use this form as a template to provide comment on the Committee Inquiry Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference are set out below and comments should be limited to these areas.

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Submissions should be received by the closing date of **Monday, 21 September 2026** and should be emailed to assemblygaa@parliament.tas.gov.au, or posted to: Secretary, Inquiry into AI Data Centres in Tasmania, Parliament House Hobart, 7000.

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Terms of Reference:

Inquire into and report upon the construction and operation of AI data centres in Tasmania, including recommending future legislation and regulations necessary to:

1. Protect public resources and the environment;

We choose to live here (near the Wesley Vale site) for the healthy rural lifestyle. We have seen firsthand in southeast Queensland the devastation of the local wildlife and major issues affecting the bees and farms there.

I am extremely concerned this proposed development in productive farmland will negatively affect bees, crops animals, people, and our quality of life.

We are the wildlife state. Proper research into the effects on our sensitive wildlife and environment are needed before any decision.

Planned reduction in the adjacent forest may impact biodiversity of vulnerable species.

Data centres are known to affect bees for a wide radius. What research and impact assessments are you conducting to ensure nearby farms are not affected? What mitigation measures will be implemented?

I am also concerned about detrimental noises and vibrations to people, animals and potentially buildings. What effect will this constant noise have on people who live, work and attend school in the area?

How often will generators be used?

How much additional noise and vibration will this cause?

How will pollution effects be mitigated? eg: carbon capture

2. Ensure Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning System adequately recognises and addresses the specific impacts of the development and construction of AI and data facilities;

All this internet being used may severely degrade and slowdown our state's internet service. My housemate works from home and already experiences lapses and slow downs in internet connection. This huge impost may worsen the current service.

If a new undersea internet cable is intalled, will residents have access to this faster internet or will it only be of benefit to the company?

Nearby forest is marking for clearance due to the high fire risk posed by this development. Will an equal amount of forest be planted?
Will animals be relocated?

What is the fire risk to our local community?
What mitigations will be put in place to lower the risk and extinguish fires?

The site is in close proximity to Andrews Creek Primary School on Westwind Drive and to established homes on Mill Road, Moorland Road and Port Sorell Road. Children at school and residents at home are sensitive receivers for continuous mechanical noise, for construction impacts, and in any fuel or battery fire event.

3. Provide Parliamentary oversight and accountability for new facility construction and resource allocation;

Construction impacts were explicitly not assessed by the data centre submission.

- The traffic assessment states that construction traffic impacts have not been discussed in detail and defers them to future management plans that the public will never see or be able to comment on. Exhibition is the community's only opportunity to be heard; deferring the largest impact phase of the project defeats that right.
- The traffic report itself identifies a dangerous curve on Mill Road, the site of a previous fatal crash, and asks Council to "investigate further protections". Adding heavy construction vehicles to that road before any safety works is unacceptable, particularly on routes used for school travel.

Air quality and health impacts of diesel generation are unassessed

Character and amenity of a rural, agricultural district at Wesley Vale.

- This is a district of farms, homes and a primary school. An industrial facility of this scale a building roughly 78 m × 45 m rising some 15 metres with mechanical plant above, 3-metre spiked palisade security fencing, floodlighting and continuous CCTV, operating 24 hours a day is fundamentally at odds with the amenity and character the community relies on. It is a crazy use to waste such wonderful views.

No Aboriginal heritage assessment is exhibited

- None of the exhibited documents includes an Aboriginal heritage assessment of the site. Council should satisfy itself that the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975 have been addressed before determining the application. Heritage concerns were central to community opposition to the Hazelmere data centre proposal in Western Australia.

4. Ensure transparent public disclosure of resource consumption;

I have concerns about the massive amount of resources required for this. Tassie uses almost all the electricity currently generated and this data centre (in conjunction with other planned data centres) may compromise our current services leading to black outs. What assurances do we have that our electrical supply will not be affected? What alternative energy supplies will be needed and how will we ensure it is green, environmentally sustainable with no pollution or detriment to the environment? Will you ensure the data centres are responsible for building the new energy infrastructure?

I also have concerns about the amount of water used and what quality any waste-water will have in our area, eg: creeks near the school and ocean. Will the local farmland, forest, ocean and beaches be exposed to pollution?

5. Provide the Tasmanian community with adequate opportunities for consultation;

My recommendation is to pause all data centre application, including already approved until the federal guidelines are published and the government has done thorough research on the impacts.

6. Ensures the Tasmanian community receive tangible benefits from all AI and data facilities constructed in the state; and

True.

Is there any benefit at all to the people, farms and nature?

7. Any other matter incidental.

Will this effect land values in the surrounding area?
Will compensation be given to landowners?