

## Firmus AI Data Centre at Bell Bay

### **Prof RAZAY question to MINISTER for BUSINESS, INDUSTRY and RESOURCES**

My question is from an engineering student at the Australian Maritime College in Newnham who is concerned about the proposed Firmus AI data centre at Bell Bay. They believe Bell Bay's industrial land and hydroelectric power should be prioritised for industry that creates long-term employment opportunities for Tasmanians. They know that while the data centre may provide temporary construction jobs, it's expected to employ only a small number of people once operational. They also raised concern about the impact upon other major electricity users of the region's power infrastructure.

Will the Government commit to an independent assessment of the project's benefit to the George Town and Tamar Valley community, ensure meaningful consultation with local residents and consider regulatory framework for future data centre developments before any further approvals are granted at Bell Bay?