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The National Council of Women of Tasmania is encouraged that the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers recognise NCWT members' concerns with regard to the Data Centres.

However NCWT members are quite alarmed by the non-directive nature of the expectations with the use of language such as *are expected* and *should.* These expectations need to be firm conditions. They must not be optional. If Firmus Technologies and similar companies want to come to Tasmania they must agree to these conditions.

The need for this has been highlighted by the concern generated by the recent earthmoving works at Wesley Vale. Firmus Technologies justified the works as part of general site maintenance separate from the development application for the proposed Wesley Vale AI centre. Planning permission may not have been required but the scale of their work demanded transparency and consultation with the neighbours and council. Locals needed to be told what was happening. The fact that Firmus Technologies disregarded local concerns and the need to be informed, clearly demonstrates the need to provide regulations not expectations.

The fact that Firmus Technologies has made significant levels of sponsorship towards Tasmanian sport shows that it is aware of the need to develop local support. However social licence cannot simply be bought at the expense of ignoring local concerns.

It is clear that the State Government needs to very clearly lay out the rules by which Firmus Technologies and other prospective investors must abide, and that these must be continually reviewed and updated.

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