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Dear Consultation Team,

Draft Expectations for Data Centre & AI Infrastructure Developers

I write to advise the Tasmanian Government of the City of Launceston Council's decision regarding the ***Draft Expectations for Data Centre & AI Infrastructure Developers***.

A proposed City of Launceston submission, prepared for LGAT's consideration as part of a coordinated local government response, was presented to Council on 15 October 2026 under Agenda Item 20.2.

The Council considered it inappropriate for consultation on a matter of this significance to occur during the Council election period, particularly when the limited timeframe prevented meaningful engagement with the community. The Council resolved not to endorse the officer prepared submission. and we have advised LGAT of this decision at the request of Council.

Council strongly urges the Tasmanian Government to avoid consulting on significant matters during local government election periods, allow sufficient time for councils to assess the issues and provide considered responses, and as necessary conduct community consultation.

This matter will be considered at a future workshop with the new Council. We anticipate this discussion will explore expectations locally as well as at the State and Federal Government levels for managing data centres and AI infrastructure in communities.

Yours sincerely

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