NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL

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Future Industries - Data Centres
GPO Box 536
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Re: Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers

The Tasmanian State Planning Provisions do not contain a specific use class for data centres. The provisions define 'Research and Development' as 'use of land for electronic technology, biotechnology, or any other research and development purposes'.

It is recommended that the Tasmanian Government amend the State Planning Provisions to:

- Include data centres as an example within Research and Development, **or** to provide a new use class of 'Data Centres'.
- Require data centres to comply with AS/NZS 4282:2023 - Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.
- Include consideration of the noise impacts of data centres on sensitive uses.

It is requested that consideration be given to making data centres a Level 2 Activity under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* so that electricity and water usage and potential contamination issues are consistently assessed and regulated.

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