I have wasted too much of my short life reading all 19 pages of the Draft Expectations for Data Centres and AI Infrastructure Developers: Tasmania September 2026.

At the bottom of the contents page is a lie I read far too often: "In recognition of the deep history and culture of these islands, we acknowledge all Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the continuing Custodians of Land, Sea, Waterways, and Culture, and pay our respects to Elders past and present".

On Thursday 10th September, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Bridget Archer, confirmed in question time that she has not directly consulted the Aboriginal Community on artificial intelligence (A.I.) or A.I. data centres. This comes after being in the role of Minister for more than one year, despite being part of a government that has known about at least 10 data centres proposed across Tasmania.

In recognition of the opening lie I refer to above, unless written by Tasmanian Aboriginal Elders, this document is not worth the paper it is written on.