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Dear Dion

Draft Expectations for Data Centre & AI Infrastructure Developers

Thank you for the invitation to contribute to the local government submission on the Tasmanian Government's ***Draft Expectations for Data Centre & AI Infrastructure Developers***. We also appreciate the Local Government Association of Tasmania securing an extension to the consultation period for input to Building Tasmania to 16 October 2026.

The proposed City of Launceston submission was presented to the Council Meeting on 15 October 2026 under Agenda Item 20.2. Given the high level of community interest, and the number of public questions raised at the meeting about data centres and AI infrastructure under Agenda Item 8 [Questions by members of the public], the Council formally brought the item forward for consideration.

Following consideration of the item, Council resolved not to endorse the proposed officer prepared submission. Council considered it inappropriate for a matter of this significance to require a decision during the Council election and caretaker period, particularly within a timeframe that did not allow meaningful community consultation.

Council also determined that officers would advise LGAT of this decision and that the newly formed Council would consider this matter at a future workshop in terms of expectations locally as well as at State and Federal Government levels for managing data centres and AI infrastructure in communities.

We will keep LGAT informed following consideration of the matter.

Yours sincerely

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