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Planning Minister

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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Project Mars Data Centre – 12 Mars Road, Lane Cove West NSW (application No. SSD - 82052708)

Dear NSW Government,

My name is Kayla, and I am in Year 5 at Lane Cove West Public School. I also have a brother who is in Year 3 at the same school. I strongly believe the data centre should not be built behind our homes, next to my school, and near Blackman Park (where lots of people go including me and my family) because it would seriously damage the way we live every day.

Our neighbourhood is meant to be a quiet, safe place for families, but this project would bring constant noise from machines running all the time, even at night, plus extra noise and disruption during construction. Parking is already difficult at Blackman Park, especially in soccer season, and bringing in construction trucks and workers will only make it worse and more stressful for everyone. On top of that, the building would be huge, with bright lights and fencing, making the area feel more like an industrial site instead of a place where kids can grow up and people can relax.

I love going on bush walks in Blackman Park and sitting down to draw the plants and animals like the one below. I regularly go on the bush walk with my family that runs along the river near the AirTrunk data centre. Even when everyone is dead silent, you can still hear a humming sound almost like an air conditioner running nonstop. You can't miss it; it's impossible. It takes all the joy of seeing all the beautiful nature and wildlife away.

I was roughly 150 meters away from the AirTrunk data centre when I completely had enough. It was getting into my head; I couldn't get it out. This data centre will be about 150m from my school! Think of all the kids, myself included, trying to learn with a data centre right near our school. The results will drop from students especially kids who struggle to focus. Parent won't want to send their kids to our school and the number of children attending the school will drop.

Imagine a data centre right next to your home? I'm scared for all the people (including my family) who live on Wood Street, Banksia Close, Penrose Street, and Myee Crescent. Surely you have some sympathy and will stop this data centre from being built immediately.

A couple of weeks ago, I went and saw the data centre out in **Eastern Creek**. It was in a perfect spot—no houses, no parks, hardly any people—just a big, bulky data centre with a couple of other buildings. There was also another data centre being built next door. You must move this planned data centre to somewhere like this, definitely not near a residential area and my school.

Here are four of the many reasons why the planned data centre on Mars Road should never be approved and must not be built:

1. **Too close to homes and my school**

The data centre is too close to people's homes and 150m from my school. Our learning will be disrupted which can have big influence on our education, development and ability to achieve our goals and dreams. I dream of becoming a vet one day and to look after animals. This data centre goes against my values of looking after nature and our animals.

2. **It's going to hurt our nature and wildlife.**

I live in Lane Cove West and one of the best things about it is all the trees and animals. If you let them build a big data centre on Mars Road, they will have to cut down 90 trees, which destroys habitats. That means birds, insects, and other animals could lose their homes.

3. **It wastes huge amounts of energy and water.**

Data centres use a lot of electricity and water just to keep running. We are always told to save energy, turn off lights, and not waste water, so why is it okay for a giant building to use so much? Plus, it will have 49 diesel generators on site which will use a lot of much-needed diesel, which could be given to farmers who need it to run machines so they can supply food to people.

4. **What it gives back to the community.**

What this data centre will give back to the kids, families, and adults of Lane Cove and Lane Cove West is constant noise, air pollution, and health risks.

Question - Can Goodman please tell me how this data centre can benefit our community?



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Thanks for listening,

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