

Objection to the Construction of the Project Mars Data Centre

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I would like to express my objection to the proposed Project Mars Data Centre.

The proposed data centre is planned to be built on a block of land that is in close proximity (less than 20 m) to homes and parkland. Less than 20 meters from the proposed data center is Blackman Park, which is a park used every day of the week by:

1. Schools, both local and from further suburbs such as North Sydney, to hold sporting events for students;
2. Local sporting clubs such as Lane Cove Cricket Club, Soccer clubs and others;
3. Residents, including many families and children who use the park for sports, walking dogs, bushwalking, kayaking and running.

There is also a tennis club with tennis courts which is used daily, as well as the home of the Lane Cove Scouts based at Blackman Park.

The construction of the data centre will cause noise for the entire duration of the three years of its construction, which will be clearly audible only metres away at the Park and residential streets of Lane Cove. Such noise pollution will adversely impact the ability for schools, clubs and local residents to use and enjoy the park. Construction of this scale also produces material pollution, airborne and as run-off, and it is noticeable that right next to the proposed data centre is the Lane Cove River and Lane Cove National Park, home to wildlife and used for recreation by bushwalkers and kayakers.

There are also long term impacts which extend beyond construction. Data centres still produce 24/7 noise, even at night, and will be clearly noticeable from the parks and residential streets only several metres away. Children especially are more sensitive to noise than adults, and having this level of artificial disturbance 24/7 year-round in a residential neighbourhood next door to a public school and parkland is unacceptable.

The ecological damage from the three-year construction period may not be recoverable. There are numerous species in the Lane Cove area which are already vulnerable or endangered, including the grey-headed flying fox and Deane's tea tree (both listed as Vulnerable), the eastern underground orchid (Endangered), Julian's hibbertia and the brush turpentine (both Critically Endangered). Many of these threatened species already have limited population sizes and distributions.

The combination of adverse impacts on local residents, schools, sporting clubs and wildlife both during the three-year construction period and thereafter are unacceptable. This proposed data centre is too close to homes and parkland and construction should be avoided.

Yours sincerely,

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