

Submission from Local Children Regarding Proposed Data Centre at Mars Road

To whoever is making the decision,

Our names are Siena (11), Xavier (10), and Arlo (5), and we live near the place where the new data centre is being planned.

We are writing because this place is really important to us, and we are worried about what will happen if the data centre gets built.

We go to Lane Cove West Public School, and we walk to school most days. For the last year and a half, there have already been lots of plumbing works on the roads near us. It has made it noisy, messy, and sometimes hard or unsafe to walk. There were big trucks, blocked paths, and it felt stressful a lot of the time. We don't want to go through that again for even longer.

Siena also walks to and from dancing at Burns Bay Dance Studio three times a week at 16 Mars Road. This means she would be around the construction, trucks, noise, and pollution a lot.

After school and on weekends, we spend a lot of time at Blackman Park. We love riding our bikes, going to the skate park, playing soccer on the oval, running around with our friends, and climbing through the bush tracks. It is one of our favourite places.

We also really love the quiet times there, especially on weekends. There are lots of birds, and sometimes we hear owls at night. It feels peaceful and calm, and it's one of the nicest things about where we live.

We are worried that if the data centre is built it will be noisy all the time, there will be more trucks and construction again, the air might not be as clean, and the birds and animals might go away. It won't feel peaceful anymore.

We are also worried about our school. It is really close to where this will be built. If there is noise, pollution, and construction for years, it will affect our learning, our playtime, and how safe and comfortable we feel.

We think kids should be able to learn in a quiet place, play outside safely, breathe clean air, and enjoy nature.

This place is not just an empty space to us. It's where we play, learn, and grow up.

Please think about the kids who live here before making your decision.

From,
Siena (11), Xavier (10), and Arlo (5)