

Submission: Objection to Proposed Data Centre at 12 Mars Road, Lane Cove West (SSD-82052708)

Introduction

I object to this application in its entirety and respectfully request that it be refused. I am a resident of Lane Cove West and a mother of young children, two of whom attend Lane Cove West Public School. My family regularly uses Blackman Park and surrounding open spaces for recreation. This submission is based on both a detailed review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and lived experience as a parent in this area.

1. Site Context and Land Use Conflict

The proposed development is located extremely close to residential homes, a primary school, and major community recreation areas. Despite being industrially zoned, the direct interface with sensitive receivers creates a clear land use conflict. The proposed height significantly exceeds planning controls.

2. Noise Impacts

The EIS confirms residents will be highly noise affected during construction. Operational noise modelling is based on indicative plant and does not guarantee compliance. Generator testing during school hours is not adequately addressed.

3. Air Quality and Health

The proposal includes 49 diesel generators and significant diesel storage. The EIS confirms air quality exceedances under emergency scenarios, raising concerns for children nearby.

4. Local Amenity

My children regularly enjoy birdlife and quiet conditions in the area, especially on weekends. A 24/7 industrial operation will permanently disrupt this environment.

5. Construction Impacts

Construction will take years and disrupt daily life, including school traffic and residential amenity.

6. Infrastructure

Water and power capacity are not confirmed, raising concerns about site suitability.

7. Environmental Impact

The development involves tree removal and habitat impacts, with cumulative effects not properly assessed.

8. Social Impact

The EIS concludes minimal impact despite significant community concern.

9. Cumulative Impact

The proposal contributes to clustering of data centres, increasing cumulative impacts.

Conclusion

This proposal introduces unacceptable risks to children, families, and the local environment. I respectfully request that this application be refused.