

PETITION
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

The Petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council the total absence of state laws to protect communities from hyper-scale data centres, highlighted by the Clyde North application PA26-0190. Your petitioners therefore state that:

- 1) Victoria completely lacks dedicated state-level legislation to protect residential communities and state assets from the detrimental impact of hyper-scale data centres. The site's location within the Urban Growth Zone exempts it from standard public notice, completely shutting the local community out of the process and blocking a VCAT appeal. While subjected to standard localized environmental tests like noise and stormwater, these narrow reviews completely fail to assess the massive macro-level impacts on Victoria's electricity grid and municipal drinking water security.
- 2) Allowing the Clyde North development to proceed sets a dangerous statewide precedent that prioritizes corporate development over community concerns and state resource preservation.

The Petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council call on the Victorian Government to:

- 1) Institute an immediate statewide moratorium on all new large-scale data centre approvals, including Clyde North.
- 2) Maintain this moratorium until specific state legislation is enacted that mandates strict caps on power and water usage, guarantees independent macro-impact assessments and protects neighbouring residents' health and wellbeing.

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