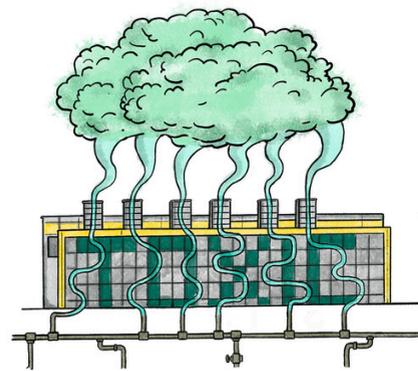# DEMAND A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTRES NOW

This government's policy on data centres is failing us.

Data Centres are being allowed to drain our resources for the sake of private profit. At a time when we are seeing fossil fuelled climate breakdown across the world and a constant rise in energy poverty in Ireland, why is this Government giving Big Tech a free pass to **devour our electricity supply and burn more and more gas?**

Ask your TDs to **support a moratorium on Data Centres** - we **demand a just energy transformation now** - one that puts **public need over corporate profits.**

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Energy for who?

Data centres soak up 21% of our electricity grid. **This is more than all urban homes in Ireland** - and predicted to grow to 30%. The EU average is 2%. Meanwhile energy prices in Ireland are one of the highest in Europe.

The Irish Government has put private Big Tech companies ahead of public good. Data centre expansion is increasing energy bills for householders, causing energy demand to soar as well as increasing burning of fossil fuels - pumping out more and more emissions while everyone else does their fair share to lower theirs.

Energy for what?

Most of this growth is not for any public good. It's for companies like Amazon to store advertising space and **develop AI products that don't have an essential use.** Generative AI is ten times more energy intensive than other web processes. **Why are successive Irish governments turning Ireland into a data dumping ground without limits?**

Data centres **only create a handful of jobs** in the communities where they are built and are mostly un-manned. There are also serious concerns around data centres, human rights and trade rules: for example **data storage space in Ireland is exported to countries with serious human rights abuses, such as Israel.**

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