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AIIA welcomes NSW data centre inquiry report

AIIA has welcomed the release of the NSW Parliament's inquiry report into data centres, with several key recommendations closely aligning with positions advanced in AIIA's submission and evidence presented by CEO Elizabeth Whitelock.

The committee's final report recommends the development of a NSW AI and Data Centre Strategy, the establishment of dedicated data centre and innovation precincts, and a coordinated workforce development strategy in partnership with industry and education providers.

These recommendations reflect AIIA's advocacy for a strategic, coordinated approach to digital infrastructure development that supports investment, innovation and the skilled workforce needed to sustain the sector's growth.

Importantly, the committee also rejected proposals for a moratorium on new data centre developments, consistent with AIIA's position that restrictive measures risk undermining investment and NSW's competitiveness.

The outcome represents a positive step for AIIA's policy advocacy, with the focus now shifting to the NSW Government's response and implementation of the committee's recommendations.