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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Essential Services, Hon Steve Edgington MLA:

Weddell Data Centre Land Exclusivity

On 22 July 2026 Beetaloo Energy Australia announced to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) that the Northern Territory Government had granted the company exclusivity over 185 hectares of contiguous land at Weddell for a proposed integrated power and data centre development.

1. The announcement records that the campuses “would be powered by up to 2GW of on-site gas-fired power generation”, and that “Beetaloo Digital intends to be a net contributor to the NT grid with generation capacity intentionally overbuilt so that surplus baseload power can be supplied to the local market”.

    a) Has the Territory or the Power and Water Corporation received any proposal for the development to connect to, or supply into, the Darwin-Katherine electricity system; if so, on what date and on what terms?

    b) What assessment has been undertaken of the effect on the Darwin Katherine system of generation of that scale connecting to it?

    c) What arrangements, if any, have been discussed for the purchase of surplus generation, by whom and on what pricing basis?

    d) The announcement records a proposed gas supply of “up to 200 TJ / day per GW of power generation”. What assessment has been undertaken of the effect of gas supply at that scale on domestic gas availability and price, and from which fields is it proposed to be supplied?