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The SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment), Proposed Variation Number 1.

The planning approval given by Clare Co Co for 6 data centres does not appear to comply with the Clare Local Authority Climate Action Plan: there seems to be a conflict here. The planning permission allowed the development to emit over 600,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases per annum which amounts to almost 31% of existing Co Clare emissions of 1.96 million tonnes per annum. The path to meet national targets of 51% reduction in GHG emissions as per the CDP while increasing emissions by over six hundred thousand tonnes per annum needs to be formulated in the Proposed Variation Number 1. Are there plans to build 70 wind turbines or many hectares of solar farms or both? Please clarify.

Otherwise, the proposed data centre development will require ALL of the wind turbines in Co Clare and Co Galway combined to offset the emissions from the data centres.

Thank you

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