



Resources for Data Centre Resistance

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The AI boom is fast-tracking data centre builds around the world, but communities are building power to stop them. Data centre fights have been won by engaged community members getting organised, learning the facts, growing their numbers and taking strategic action.

It can be daunting to go up against entrenched government and corporate power - but people power can prevail!

Here in Australia we can learn from the history of community activism in this country, as well as struggles and innovations overseas. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We can learn together and share lessons as campaigns evolve.

The Commons Social Change Library gathers the collective wisdom of people engaged in social change and makes it available on one easy to use website. The librarians have developed two new guides:

- **How to Stop a Data Centre: Tools for Community Resistance** - A collection of toolkits from other countries plus videos, articles, and submissions by Australian organisations.
- **How to Stop a Data Centre in Australia** - a summary of 9 areas of learning and action, with links to helpful websites, tools, videos and training.

Both of these guides will grow with the movements they support. Please help us keep them up-to-date by sharing the resources you and your group develop, or useful materials you find. **We're smarter and stronger together!**

These guides are only a small taste of the hundreds of helpful resources you'll find in The Commons Library. Subscribe to our newsletter, follow the Commons on social media, and contact the librarians if you have any questions.



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What do people need to know to stop Data Centres?

From past experience and the expressed needs of people involved in these fights, we believe the following areas of knowledge and skills are crucial.

1. Know about Data Centres
2. Know about the specific Data Centre project you want to stop
3. Engage the Community
4. Organise Locally
5. Plan a Strategic Campaign
6. Tell the Story
7. Take Action
8. Reflect and Adapt
9. Collaborate Across the Movement



We have gathered resources under each of these headings, with more on the way!

Training Opportunities

- **Introduction to Campaigning**, Australian Progress - 14-15 October
- **Creative Action Design**, Commons Library & Australian Progress - 19 October
- **Messaging 101**, Australian Progress - 13 October & 18 November
- **Free Media Spokesperson Training**, Economic Media Centre, 8 & 9 Sept/10 & 11 Nov
- **Strategic Target Research**, Commons Library & Australian Progress - 9 March
- **Public Narrative** and **How to Structure Teams**, free online courses by Marshall Ganz

Keep an eye on **DatacentreMoratorium.net** for Victorian events, actions and information.

Get all the details here



... or search:
'How to Stop a Data Centre in Australia'
on [CommonsLibrary.org](https://commonslibrary.org)