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### **Call for data centre forum**

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A group of Hume residents is calling for a community forum on data centres as number of facilities in the municipality continues to rise.

The Broadmeadows Progress Association has written to Hume mayor Carly Moore to request that council host such a forum.

In the letter, association secretary John Rutherford said the group has been gathering information and discussing the economic and social impacts of data centres, particularly those existing and proposed to be sited in Hume.

“Residents are concerned with the lack of information about these data centres and are worried about the effects these enterprises will have on our water and electricity supply and costs,” he wrote.

“The environmental, safety and other matters are also of concern.”

Mr Rutherford said the association had also raised the issue during a community meeting with council officers on 2 June.

Hume is already home to three data centres in Tullamarine – operated by Next DC, Vantage and Microsoft – as well as one in Campbellfield and one under construction in Craigieburn.

Hume council was contacted for comment.