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To: [EPD, Customer Services](#)
Subject: Submission in objection to the location of the proposed Fyshwick MRF
Date: Friday, 22 June 2018 5:04:32 PM

Dear Minister,

I am a long time resident of Kingston and object most strongly to the proposal to build a huge transfer station at Ipswich Street Fyshwick.

The traffic along Canberra Avenue trying to turn into Ipswich Street is already congested at certain times of the day. Access to the popular retail and commercial area and to the Monaro Highway northwards will only get worse for the residents of the ACT south, with an additional 460 truck movements in that area each day. I am also concerned about the impact of these trucks on the ambient air quality because of the extra diesel emissions. Although the trucks are not additional to Canberra they will now be concentrated in Fyshwick where there is already a high level of fine particulate emissions. What air quality and health study has been done to justify the additional burden?

I cannot understand the need for this development. We have a perfectly good and functioning landfill at Mugga Lane and a strong recycling ethos among our citizens. There is no environmental advantage in moving Mugga dump to Fyshwick as the associated problems of waste disposal, the odour, vermin, leachate, will all be transferred to Fyshwick and impact adversely on a much larger population. It is far too close to the urban centre of the ACT and to the Parliamentary triangle and will undermine the image of the ACT as a popular place to visit for its cultural and political institutions. The future suburb of East Lake, well underway in planning, is expected to number some 9,000 people in residence. The access to the Monaro Highway for East Lake is via Ipswich Street. It is poor planning to introduce 460 additional truck movements per day, only to increase over time, onto Ipswich Street.

I cannot see where the commercial advantage is for the proponents in advancing this development. There is also no demonstrable public benefit. The rail terminal will not benefit many traders as access to it via Lithgow Street will be hindered by the waste vehicles. It will not meet the future needs of rail freight for Canberra as it will be too small and have no space for expansion.

There was a large and serious waste fire at Beard on the 17th June which caused serious disruption and used massive emergency resources. The news showed black smoke billowing across the countryside and people were advised to stay indoors. If there is a waste fire at Ipswich Street of similar proportions is this what we can expect. Black smoke covering the parliamentary area and the city. Will we have to stay indoors to protect our health from the toxic pollutants it can carry? No matter which way I look at it, locating a huge waste depot in the middle of the Fyshwick urban area is not a good idea and should be rejected.

Yours faithfully,



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