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Opposing DPA-14

Provide the details of your representation*

I wish to express my strong opposition to DPA-14 and the proposal to permanently rezone the temporary green waste facility on Stockdill Drive.

My family chose to build our future in Strathnairn because it promised a safe, peaceful and environmentally responsible community. Like many residents, we made a significant financial and personal commitment based on the information available when we purchased our property. At no stage did we expect that a temporary green waste facility would later be proposed as a permanent feature of our neighbourhood. If this possibility had been disclosed from the beginning, it would have influenced our decision to buy in Ginninderry.

The proposal also raises broader concerns about confidence in the ACT planning system. Temporary developments are approved on the understanding that they are temporary. If approvals can later be converted into permanent land uses, residents are left wondering whether they can rely on planning decisions at all. This creates uncertainty not only for our community but for anyone considering investing in the area.

It is also concerning that a similar proposal was not supported in 2022 after significant community opposition. Rather than addressing those concerns, this proposal appears to revisit an issue that local residents have already made their views clear on. Genuine community consultation should mean that public feedback is carefully considered, not simply revisited until a different outcome is achieved.

The location itself is unsuitable for a permanent waste facility. Strathnairn and Ginninderry are expanding residential communities with families, young children and a nearby school. Waste processing facilities inevitably bring impacts that extend beyond the site boundary. Odours, dust, airborne particles, increased noise and pest activity all have the potential to reduce the quality of life for nearby residents. Even where these impacts are managed, they cannot be completely eliminated, and people should not have to accept them simply because they live near what was intended to be a temporary facility.

Bushfire risk is another issue that deserves serious consideration. Large stockpiles of organic material can present a fire hazard, particularly during Canberra's hot and dry summers. Given the surrounding residential development and nearby bushland, the consequences of a significant fire could be severe. Before any permanent approval is considered, the Government should clearly explain how these risks will be managed and who would accept responsibility if nearby homes or property were damaged as a result of an incident originating from the site.

Traffic is already placing pressure on Stockdill Drive. Additional heavy vehicles associated with a permanent facility would increase congestion, noise and safety risks for local residents. This is especially concerning for families, cyclists, pedestrians, school buses and young drivers using the road every day. Infrastructure should support growing communities, not place additional burdens on them.

If a long-term organic waste facility is required, it should be located within an appropriately zoned industrial area where its impacts on surrounding communities can be minimised. Planning decisions should balance operational needs with the health, safety and wellbeing of residents. In this case, that balance has not been achieved.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the ACT Government reject DPA-14.

Strathnairn and Macnamara within Ginninderry have been planned as communities where families can enjoy a healthy environment and a high quality of life. Permanently locating a green waste facility on Stockdill Drive is inconsistent with that vision and would undermine community confidence in the planning process.

I urge the Government to honour the original temporary approval, listen to the concerns of local residents and pursue more appropriate alternatives that do not place the impacts of a regional waste facility on a growing residential community.

Our community continues to wait for essential services and infrastructure. Residents need local shops, improved road connections, better public transport and additional emergency exit from suburb. These priorities would deliver real benefits to residents and should take precedence over establishing a permanent waste facility.

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DAP-14

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Friends of Grasslands

supporting native grassy ecosystems



Territory Planning Authority
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Re. Draft Plan Amendment 14 – Belconnen green waste recycling facility and bulk landscape supplies

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia - natural temperate grasslands and grassy woodlands. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of these ecosystems, and carries out surveys and on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public.

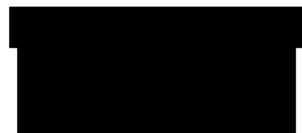
FOG has read the Draft Plan Amendment documents, and the submission by the Conservation Council ACT Region.¹ In making this comment we draw on both sources. We accept Block 1653 Belconnen *per se* has no remnant grassy ecosystem values. Normally, that would mean FOG would not comment; however, in this case, we see Block 1653 lies in the middle of Central Molonglo which is known to have *extensive* 'potential threatened woodland', much of which is likely to be protected under national environmental law.

Given that, it does seem premature to enable the assessment of a green waste facility on Block 1653 without visibility of the plan for the rest of Central Molonglo. This appears out of step with the ACT Government's commitments to plan at the landscape scale.

At the whole of north Canberra scale, we note that this is an urban-industrial facility we would expect to see in an urban-industrial setting on the east side of Canberra, not in the middle of grassy woodlands upwind of Hawker and Whitlam.

In future consultation processes, FOG encourages you to make accessible to the public information that is consistent with the 'principles of good consultation' found in s 11 of the *Planning Act 2023*. Against that benchmark, the information provided in DPA-14 is incomplete and difficult to follow.

Yours sincerely



President, Friends of Grasslands

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¹ <https://conservationcouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Conservation-Council-Submission-on-DPA-14.pdf>

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DPA-14

Provide the details of your representation*

Subject: Environmental objection to Draft Plan Amendment 14

I formally oppose Draft Plan Amendment 14 (DPA-14) due to the severe environmental risks this proposal presents. The site is located on a steep incline that poses a direct risk of nutrient leaching and chemical runoff into the local creek and the broader Murrumbidgee river system. It is also located next to an operating sheep farm and this raises the risk of spreading of noxious weeds from the proposed facility into the adjacent farmland.

My objections are as follows:

- Risk of water contamination: The site is situated on a steep incline with a direct drainage path to a local creek. Runoff from a green waste and landscape facility contains nutrients and chemical pollutants that will inevitably impact the river system.
- Risk of weed infestation: The proposed site is adjacent to a working merino sheep farm and poses a weed contamination risk to the farm and other surrounding natural bushland.
- Air quality and health: Technical studies identify this area as prone to topographical trapping and cold air pooling. These conditions mean that dust and odour will not disperse but will instead settle over the nearby residential corridors of Holt and Ginninderry.
- Lack of transparency: The government has admitted that the temporary approval was a way to keep operations running while the permanent pathway was retrofitted. This confirms that this consultation is a hollow formality.
- Incompatibility with masterplan: The current proposal contradicts the Ginninderry masterplan which designates land for residential growth. Planning for new homes while simultaneously rezoning adjacent land for heavy waste is a recipe for future land-use conflict.
- Bushfire hazards: The accumulation of wood and vegetation waste at the urban-rural interface significantly escalates fuel loads. Operating such a facility within a high-risk bushfire zone creates an unacceptable threat of ember attacks on residential properties, as well as increased risk of spontaneous combustion amongst composting piles.
- Traffic and road safety hazards: Directing high volumes of heavy vehicles through residential zones utilised by school buses and local families introduces significant danger. The intersection of Stockdill Drive and Pro Hart Avenue is already a major concern due to frequent bus stops, yet critical infrastructure upgrades are delayed for a decade. The planned duplication of Drake Brockman Drive is likely to exacerbate these issues rather than resolve them. The reliance on a single access point for the facility and surrounding suburbs creates a dangerous bottleneck, jeopardising emergency response times and ensuring gridlock across the local road network. This issue, while currently occurring Monday to Friday will now extend into the weekend as users access the proposed facility.

I call on you to reject this amendment and commission a truly independent and site-specific ecological assessment. Alternatively, conduct an evaluation of community requirements to determine if this proposal aligns with current priorities for the Territory.

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I hereby lodge my submission on the Australian Capital Territory Government's proposal for a recycling facility and bulk landscape supply uses in the Western Edge Investigation Area.

I OPPOSE this proposal.

The Australian Capital Territory Government is proposing to amend the Territory Plan to permit a 'recycling facility' and 'bulk landscape supplies' as a land use for a 5.08 hectare former vineyard in southwest Belconnen, known as Block 1653.

Block 1653 sits right in the middle of ecologically sensitive land south of Drake Brockman Drive and East of Stockdill Drive. The site is a former vineyard that is part of a blue-green ecological network of nature reserves, and other area-based conservation measures, connected by ecological corridors to the Molonglo River, according to the Belconnen District Strategy 2023. It includes farms producing food and wool and forms a rural landscape backdrop which gives local residents, who live in the expanding suburban sprawl, access to scenic beauty and recreation.

The National Capital Authority (NCA) is required by law to ensure Canberra's distinct towns are set in broad landscaped valleys. But it has agreed to enable high traffic from large trucks, pouring of concrete to create a facility costing \$8.5 million, and permanent composting which may cause 'runoff, erosion, and degradation of nearby waterway impacts as a result of stockpiling and material handling'. If this goes ahead, there is a risk of potentially harmful runoff down the 'natural drainage lines that flow southward toward the Molonglo River'.

I am shocked that the Australian Capital Territory Government is pushing forward with placing this suburban waste infrastructure in the Western Edge Investigation Area (WEIA), when it also says 'there has been no Government decision made as to whether any development will proceed in the WEIA'.

Even more concerning, the block is situated in Central Molonglo, which the government removed 'in perpetuity from being considered as a future urban area' in 2008. This is an area where farmers make a living, and a haven for our slow-growing box-gum grassy woodland and iconic wildlife.

The Design Options Study makes it clear that the recycling facility and bulk landscape supplies are just stage one in the Australian Capital Territory Government's plan to build a much larger Resource Management Centre, including landfill, perched right above the Molonglo River where runoff and rubbish could harm native fish, birdlife and platypus.

I, therefore, ask you to reject the proposal for a recycling facility and bulk landscape supply uses in the Western Edge Investigation Area.

I thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions on this matter.

For the only planet we have.

[REDACTED]

Comments to DPA-14 - Belconnen green waste recycling facility and bulk landscape supplies

Commenter:

I am commenting because I am a resident [redacted].
Therefore I experience the traffic noise from there and am susceptible to environmental events from the rural southern side of that road such as fires, odour & smoke. That rural area includes Belconnen Block 1653 which is the proposed site and Drake Brockman Drive is the major road to and near the site.

Comments

Block 1653 was part of the much larger Block 1582 when the 2022 Design Options Study was done. Therefore there is uncertainty about how relevant that study is to Block 1653 alone. This needs an explanation at least or one or more studies focussing only on Block 1653.

What Block 1653-specific studies have been made of the impact on air quality and odours and therefore health of West Belconnen and Ginninderry residents, livestock and animals? I do not agree that relying on general guidelines is acceptable as Block 1653 is exposed to extreme and localised weather.

The Traffic report (Sept 2025) attached to the Drake Brockman Drive Stage 2 DA amendment (20/07/26) Section 7.1 and Conclusion) and Supporting document SUMMARY (also attached, Section 3.0) show that Drake Brockman Drive and its intersections are already under pressure from increasing traffic volumes and Stage 2 construction will not fix all the problems.

The traffic studies in the Design Options Study (Oct 2022) preceded the above-mentioned report by at least 3 years and therefore should not be used to assess traffic impacts for the proposed usage of Block 1653.

Also any traffic study needs to do a serious, honest and effective job of measuring the current and accurately estimating the future noise levels imposed on Drake Brockman Drive residents, particularly those in the 2 Holt blocks that front the road. This is because the noise levels in those residences are almost unbearable forcing many owners to install double-glazed, etc. windows around their homes and install extra/improved wall insulation.

The use of the term "recycling facility" while "nearest fit" has the potential to work as a convenient loophole to broaden the future usage of Block 1653. I find this inappropriate because Belconnen residents cannot be confident about the future usage of the site.

Due to the location of Block 1653 on the down slope of the Molonglo River Corridor, a full environmental impact study should be done. The Supporting Report states the danger of runoff, erosion and wider waterway contamination to the Molonglo and Murrumbidgee Rivers. Note that the area around the site is used by, and will therefore affect residents, livestock, marine life, land and tree animals and recreational users of the corridors of the 2 rivers. The study should show how environmental monitoring will be done and how residents are continually informed of this, how complaints can be lodged and what the enforcement procedures are.

Block 1653 is close to the western ranges where the bushfires of 2003 swept through north and south of there. The existing Parkwood green waste facility has a history of requiring fire brigade attendance to quell fires. While there was some input from ACT Emergency Services to the original DA of 2022 (amended in 2023), there does not appear to be a bushfire and emergency management study to support the proposed Territory Plan change to the site.

I do not think DPA-14 should proceed as there are many uncertainties.

Therefore, I strongly oppose DPA-14.

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Good afternoon,

I am writing concerning the ACT Government's current proposal to amend the Territory Plan to permit 'recycling facility' and 'bulk landscape supplies' as a land use for Block 1653 in south-west Belconnen.

This proposal is problematic for a number of reasons. It is out of line with the ACT Government's claim that there has been no decision made as to whether any development will proceed in the Western Edge Investigation Area. It is also at odds with the requirements of the National Capital Authority to ensure that Canberra's distinct towns are set in broad landscaped valleys.

Finally, there are a number of ecological impacts related to this proposal. As well as immediate impacts on the wildlife and woodland in the area of the Block, the land provides a wildlife corridor and assists in protecting the river system. As such, the proposal is likely to negatively impact a much wider area than the 5 hectares of Block 1653.

I was born in Canberra and have lived most of my life here, and I value the bushland that remains in our bush capital and the ecological services it provides. It also gives much pleasure to the residents of and visitors to West Belconnen, to visitors to Mt Stromlo, and to walkers in the Western Edge area.

I urge the ACT Government to desist from this problematic measure which is out of line with its current commitments and obligations and would be environmentally damaging.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Economist

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENT 14 – BELCONNEN GREEN WASTE RECYCLING
FACILITY AND BULK**

LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES – BLOCK 1653 BELCONNEN DISTRICT

This correspondence is written in objection to Draft Plan Amendment 14 (DPA-14), which proposes to amend the Belconnen District Policy [?] part D03 [?] of the Territory Plan 2023 to include 'recycling facility' and 'bulk landscape supplies' as additional assessable uses for Block 1653 Belconnen District (the subject site).



Whilst I support, in-principle, the provision of reliable green waste services and, more generally, the achievement of the circular economy objectives of the Territory within the Belconnen District, DPA-14 is not a proportionate or adequately evidenced planning outcome.

Our objection to DPA-14 is raised on the following grounds:

- Cardno Feasibility study has a number of inconsistencies.
- Not considering adjoining areas for environmental in packs.
- Location to adjoining buildings

On this basis, we respectfully request that DPA-14 is withdrawn, pursuant to section 66(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2023 (ACT).

Cardno Feasibility study has a number of inconsistencies.

The Cardno Feasibility study was carried out for identification of future Waste site for the relocation of the Mitchell RMC, not a green Waste site.

The site short list on page iii of the report has 15 Parameters.

1. Blocks within 300m buffer of sensitive users removed.

The farm operates as a fine wool merino enterprise. The wool we products is some of the best in the region. Our wool is purchased by top-end superior spinners and weavers, both in Asia and Europe, Particularly Italy. The dust, noise and traffic will impact the operations of the farm and will affect our wool quality, in return effect the income of the farm.

3. Blocks adjoining main approaches removed.

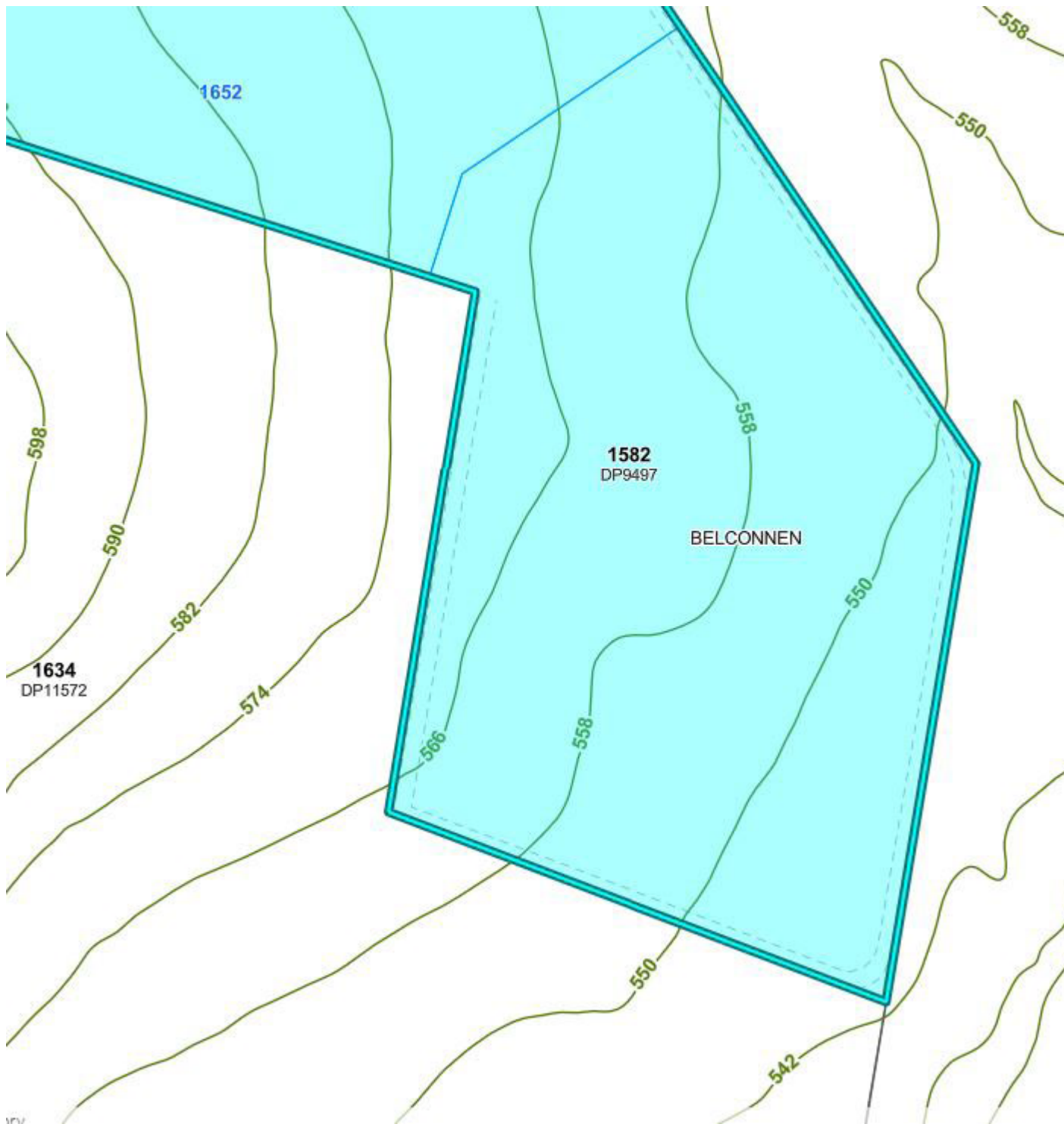
Why? Wouldn't this make it easier for cars with trailers and large trucks to access the green waste site, instead of going through residential areas.

12. Average site gradient considered.

On page 5 of the report, Engineering Constraints Assessment.

2. Average site gradient – Sites with higher average grade require additional earthworks during construction. Ideal site grade is 1-8%.

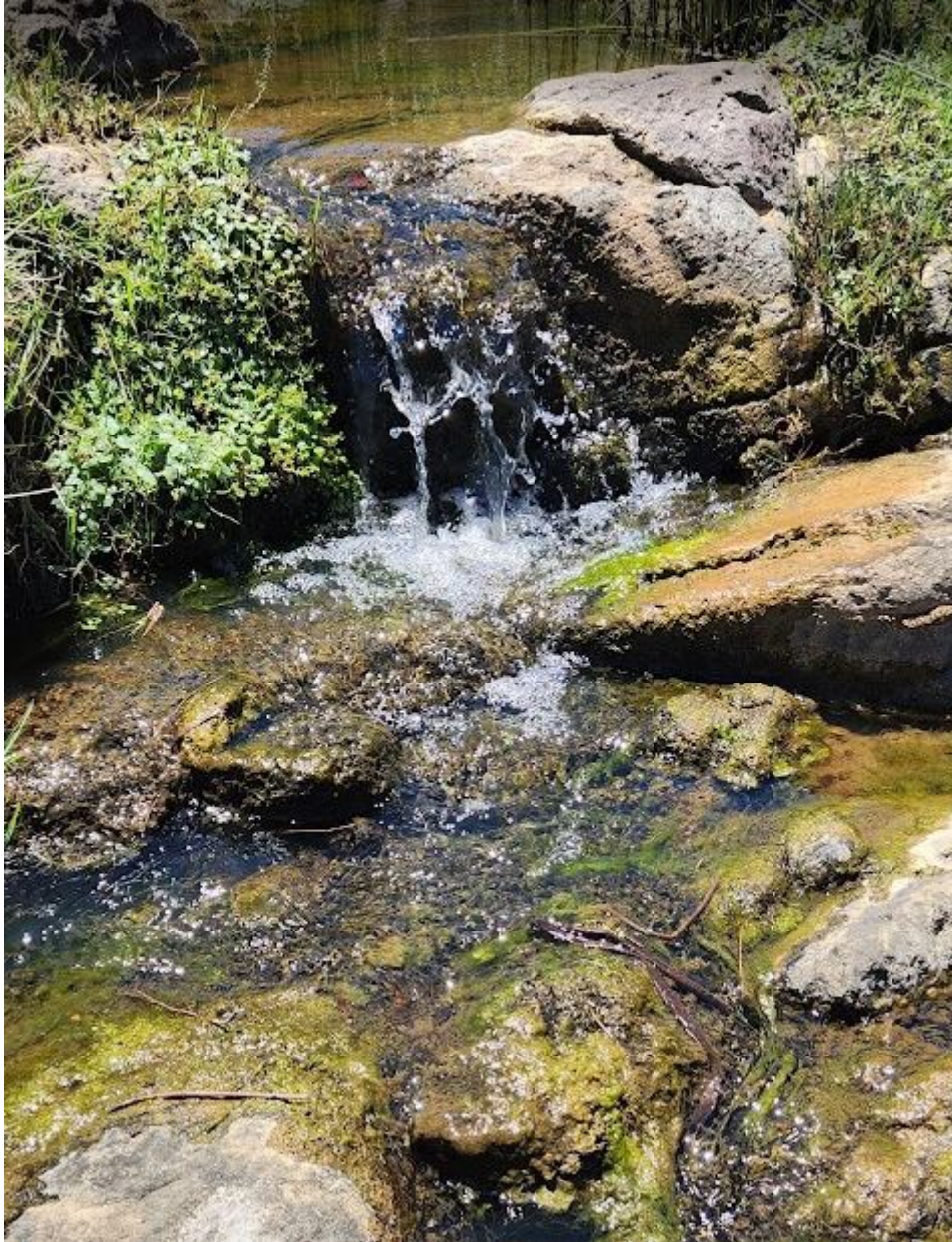
The proposed site that is on 1582 is on the steepest portion of the block. With a grade of approximant 9%. Adding a higher cost to construction, moving to a lower graduate on the block would be more suitable or more cost effective.



Ground slope on proposed green waste site

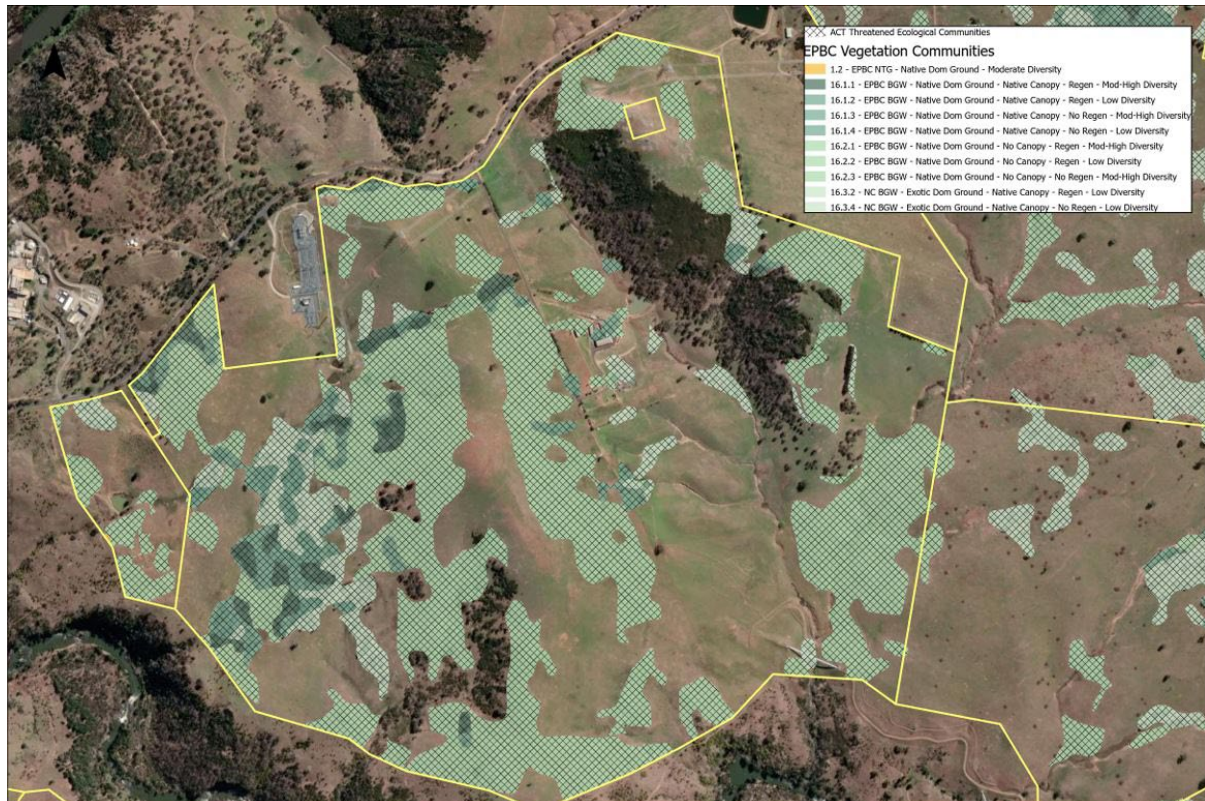
Not considering adjoining areas for environmental in packs.

There is a water way which is approximately 30m away from the proposed green waste site. Any leeching or run off from the site could get in the water way. If any contentions happen, this would affect the water we rely on for water for our livestock. This water way runs into the Molonglo River as well, a very sensitive ecological area of the ACT.



Water way supplying 3 paddocks with water for livestock

██████████ has very similar ecological values as the Karma Nature reserve. In the Cardno Report 1616 was removed from the list due to its close proximity to the Karma Nature Reserve, which was across the road. The proposed green waste site is going right on the boundary of ██████████ with no consideration of the surrounding environment.



A Survey was carried out by the Office of Nature Conservation staff attended on 15th October 2025. Surveys are conducted on areas representative of the vegetation community we are interested in assessing. At each location three surveys are undertaken which provide information on the following:

- A rapid presence/absence assessment of flora;
- Step point (75) records of ground cover;
- Weed density
- At woodland sites a further survey is undertaken which is designed to determine if the woodland is part of the EPBC listed criteria. This gives us an understanding of how intact and functioning the woodland is.
- Site representative photos are also collected.

These surveys will be repeated at the same location when the LMA is next reviewed. This provides the land manager an accurate measure of management techniques, providing a 'score card' for increase or loss of condition.

Ecological Values on this property are:

- Box Gum Woodland Endangered Ecological community - [Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Woodlands](#)
- Pink Tailed Worm lizard modelled habitat (vulnerable) - [Pink-tailed Worm-lizard \(*Aprasia parapulchella*\)](#)
- Perunga Grasshopper modelled habitat (vulnerable) - [Perunga Grasshopper \(*Perunga ochracea*\)](#)
- Brown Treecreeper (vulnerable) recorded on ACT Wildlife Atlas - [Brown Treecreeper \(*Climacteris picumnus victoriae*\)](#)
- White – winged Triller (vulnerable) recorded on ACT Wildlife Atlas - <https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animalsand-plants/act-threatened-species/white-winged-triller-lalage-tricolor>
- Scarlet Robin (vulnerable) recorded on ACT Wildlife Atlans - [Scarlet Robin \(*Petroica boodang*\)](#)
- Varied Sittella (vulnerable) recorded on ACT Wildlife Atlas - [Varied Sittella \(*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*\)](#)

Endangered YB-BRG Woodland:

Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland is declared a threatened ecological community according to the following legislation:

- National: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Critically Endangered).
- Australian Capital Territory: Nature Conservation Act 2014 (Endangered).

Endangered YB-BRG Woodland is characterised by a discontinuous stratum of trees of medium height (10-35 m) with canopies that are separated and with 4-30% foliage cover.

The community is dominated by Yellow Box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*) and/or Blakely's Red Gum (*Eucalyptus blakelyi*); Apple Box (*Eucalyptus bridgesiana*) and Candlebark (*Eucalyptus rubida*) are the most common co-dominant trees.

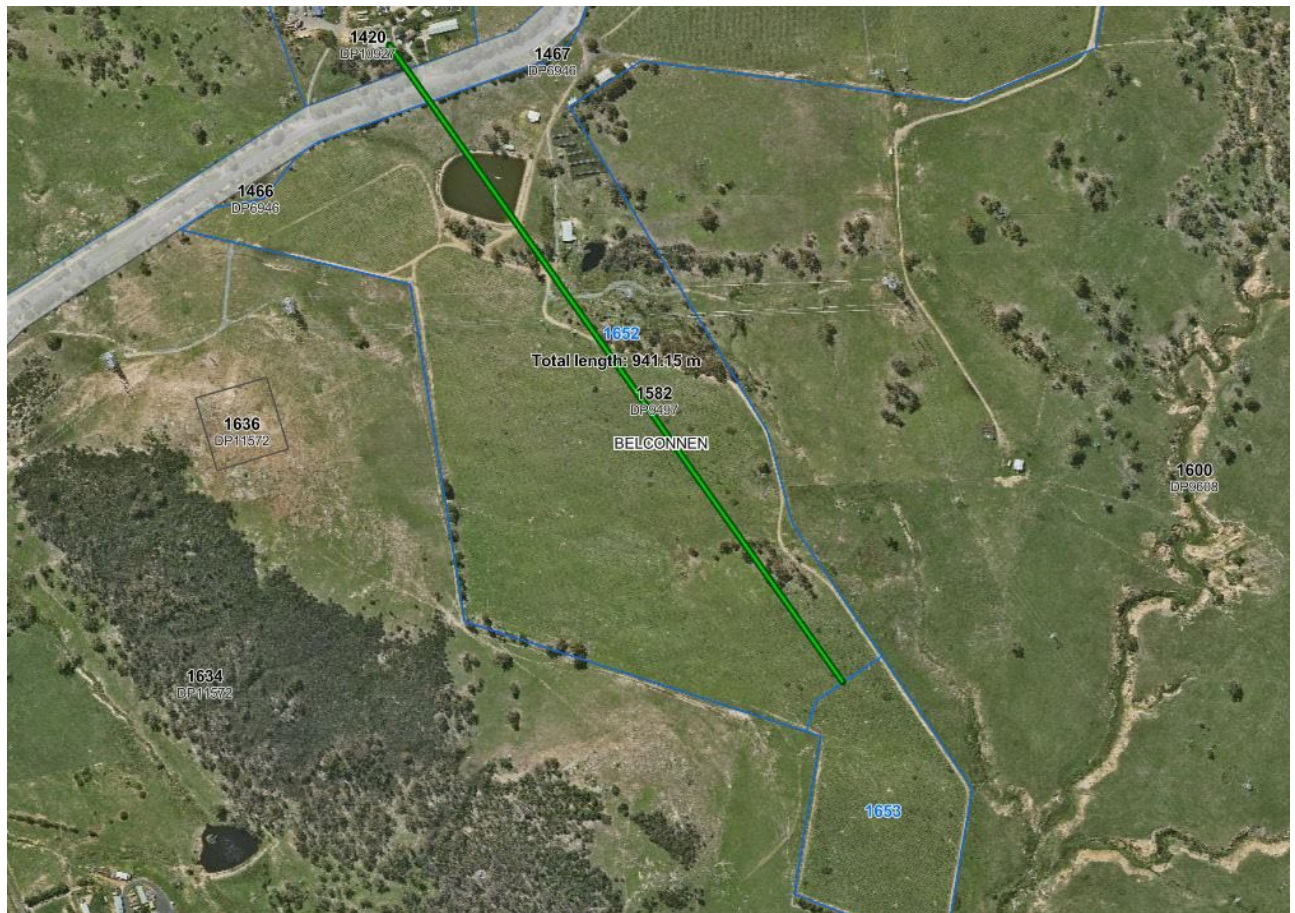
Endangered YB-BRG Woodland is characterised by a species-rich understorey of native tussock grasses, herbs and scattered shrubs. Remnants of the community in good condition have a ground cover dominated (50% or more of the perennial species) by native grasses and forbs. The ground cover of remnants in lower condition may not be dominated by native species yet retain a canopy of mature trees (20 or more per hectare on average) and/or support natural regeneration. Derived grasslands (also known as secondary grassland) are an expression of the Endangered YB-BRG Woodland that develop when the tree canopy cover is removed (or suffers dieback), but a relatively diverse understorey remains intact. The size of YB-BRG Woodland remnant patches varies, but to be listed as part of the endangered ecological community a patch must be at least 0.1 ha. Endangered YB-BRG Woodland provides important habitat for a range of flora and fauna, including rare and threatened species:

Threatened species associated with woodlands in the ACT:

Animals	Plants
Brown Treecreeper (<i>Climacteris picumnus victoriae</i>)	Canberra Spider Orchid (<i>Caladenia actensis</i>)
Hooded Robin (<i>Melanodryas cucullata cucullata</i>)	Small Purple Pea (<i>Swainsona recta</i>)
Painted Honeyeater (<i>Grantiella picta</i>)	Tarengo Leek Orchid (<i>Prasophyllum petilum</i>)
Regent Honeyeater (<i>Anthochaera phrygia</i>)	Hoary Sunray (<i>Leucochrysum albicans</i> var. <i>tricolor</i>)
Scarlet Robin (<i>Petroica boodang</i>)	Austral Toadflax (<i>Thesium australe</i>)
Superb Parrot (<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>)	
Swift Parrot (<i>Lathamus discolor</i>)	
Varied Sittella (<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>)	
White-Winged Triller (<i>Lalage tricolor</i>)	
Glossy Black-Cockatoo (<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>)	
Golden Sun Moth (<i>Synemon plana</i>)	
Perunga Grasshopper (<i>Perunga ochracea</i>)	
Pink-tailed Worm-lizard (<i>Aprasia parapulchella</i>)	

Location to adjoining buildings

The location of the proposed green waste site is required to be 1KM from residence. Going on a measurement done on ACTmapi a resident is **only** 941m away not 1KM. If a 1KM buffer is put on the proposed green waste site that will limit the area where a dwelling can be constructed on block [REDACTED]



Measurement from closet residence on Stockdill Drive

Concluding Comments

It is recommended that the Daft plan amendment -14 be stopped so a new feasibility study can be carried out to ascertain if the proposed green waste site is actually suitable on block 1653. The study should take in to consideration the surrounding areas for their ecological values and not just the site proposed for the green waste.

Yours sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Ginninderra Catchment Group's submission on Draft Plan Amendment 14 (DPA-14) for the proposed Green Waste Recycling Facility and Bulk Landscape Supplies at Block 1653, Belconnen.

We recognise the importance of providing appropriate green waste recycling infrastructure to support Canberra's growing population and circular economy. However, we believe the proposal requires stronger environmental safeguards to protect the surrounding ecological corridors, waterways, landscape values and long-term biodiversity outcomes.

Our submission outlines a number of recommendations aimed at ensuring the facility can operate while maintaining the environmental values of this important landscape.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss our submission further.

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(Thank you in Ngunawal language)

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Submission on Draft Plan Amendment 14 (DPA-14)
Belconnen Green Waste Recycling Facility and Bulk Landscape Supplies –
Block 1653 Belconnen

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Draft Major Plan Amendment 14 (DPA-14) for the proposed Green Waste Recycling Facility and Bulk Landscape Supplies at Block 1653, Belconnen. Ginninderra Catchment Group (GCG) **does not support the proposed location** for this facility.

We recognise the importance of providing green waste recycling infrastructure to support Canberra's growing population and circular economy. Well-designed resource recovery facilities play an important role in reducing landfill, recovering valuable organic material and supporting environmental sustainability. However, we believe this facility should be located in an appropriate industrial or already-disturbed setting, rather than within an environmentally significant landscape adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River Corridor.

Inappropriate Location

Although Block 1653 is a modified former vineyard, it sits within a broader landscape recognised for its ecological significance. The surrounding area forms part of the Belconnen blue-green network, providing important wildlife movement corridors linking the Belconnen Hills, Ginninderry Conservation Corridor and the Molonglo River. The site also contributes to the rural landscape character of West Belconnen and acts as a buffer between urban development and high-value conservation areas.

The proposed facility would introduce permanent industrial-style infrastructure, increased heavy vehicle movements, extensive hardstand areas and ongoing composting activities into a landscape that has been identified for its ecological connectivity and conservation values. GCG considers this incompatible with the long-term environmental objectives for the area.

Risk to Biodiversity and Catchment Health

The proposal raises concerns regarding potential impacts on:

- ecological connectivity between conservation areas;
- habitat for woodland birds and other native wildlife;
- downstream water quality through runoff and leachate;

- weed spread associated with imported green waste; and
- increasing industrial activity adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River corridor.

We are particularly concerned that introducing large volumes of green waste may increase the spread of invasive plant species into surrounding bushland unless exceptional biosecurity measures are maintained.

Strategic Planning

We are also concerned that this proposal may prejudice future planning for the Western Edge Investigation Area before broader strategic planning has been completed. As others have noted, Block 1653 lies within this broader planning context and decisions regarding permanent land uses should not be made in isolation.

Supporting a Better Alternative

Our opposition is **not** to the concept of a green waste recycling facility. GCG strongly supports the development of a **best-practice green waste and resource recovery facility** that:

- is located on appropriately zoned industrial or previously developed land;
- is well separated from threatened ecological communities and important wildlife habitat;
- avoids locations adjacent to the Murrumbidgee and Molonglo River corridors;
- incorporates best-practice Water Sensitive Urban Design and stormwater treatment;
- prevents weed spread through robust biosecurity and quality control measures;
- minimises heavy vehicle impacts on environmentally sensitive landscapes; and
- demonstrates circular economy principles through high-quality compost production, education and community engagement.

Locating such a facility in an appropriate industrial setting would provide the same community benefits while substantially reducing environmental risks.

Recommendations

Ginninderra Catchment Group recommends that:

1. Draft Major Plan Amendment 14 **not proceed** for Block 1653.
2. The ACT Government identify an alternative site that is appropriately zoned and located away from high-value conservation areas and major river corridors.
3. Future green waste infrastructure be planned as part of a broader strategic resource recovery network that considers environmental, social and economic outcomes together.
4. Environmental protection and biodiversity conservation remain the primary
5. consideration for land within the West Belconnen blue-green network.

Conclusion

GCG supports investment in modern green waste recycling infrastructure; however, we do not believe Block 1653 is an appropriate location for this facility.

The long-term environmental values of West Belconnen—including ecological connectivity, biodiversity, landscape character and catchment health—outweigh the benefits of locating this infrastructure within such a sensitive setting.

We encourage the ACT Government to pursue an alternative location that can deliver the same community and circular economy outcomes while avoiding unacceptable impacts on one of Canberra's most important environmental landscapes.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Sincerely,

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