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To: EPD, Customer Services
Subject: Fyshwick rubbish dump - sneaky and dishonest

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Dear EPD team

I write to register my strong concerns about the establishment of a so-called “materials recovery facility” on Ipswich Street in Fyshwick.

From the name of the developer (“Capital Recycling Solutions”) to the outline on your site (“receive, sort, separate and export waste and recyclable material”) and some of the Public messaging I’ve heard to date, I had gained the impression that the proposed facility would essentially be a **recycling sorting facility**. I was therefore surprised and alarmed to find, during a conversation with my neighbours, that I had evidently been **taken in by the spin**, and that what is actually proposed is an alternative to the Mugga Lane dump.

I am alarmed that **trash** - not recycling, but full-blown, stinking, vermin-attracting, flammable trash - would be brought to Fyshwick, to a site around 2km from my house in Griffith and so much closer to the folk in Narrabundah and Causeway. And why? To utilise an existing rail siding and reward a purchase of unremediated, contaminated land?

I don’t see how this makes sense for the future direction of Fyshwick, the inner south, or the ACT. I know others are very concerned about the impact such a project would have on the neighboring businesses, nearby residents, and traffic in the area; I share these concerns. I would very much like to understand why it is proposed to put such a facility where it is proposed, rather than somewhere more benign - farther afield along their railway, for example. And it’s not clear to me why transporting waste by rail to other places is a good solution either. I’ll leave that to the experts; I support the ACT’s plans to lower emissions and waste, and only hope that the details of our policies have been well designed and are not simply shunting the problem to elsewhere (while burning fuel to do so, to boot).

I ask that the ACT Government give this project the short shrift it deserves, and not underestimated the depth of opposition to it in the community.

Thank you for reading this far.

Yours faithfully

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