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To whom this may concern. Please accept this submission.

Regards
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EIS201700053

CRS Materials Recovery Facility Fyshwick

Dear Members of the Legislative Assembly,

Firstly, without being too insulting, this idea is so totally and absolutely 'dumb'. Who would make such a decision as to move the ACT's waste facility to a depot in the middle of a very busy mixed and thriving business sector of the Territory?

Issues which scream crazy include:

- increased traffic congestion in the Fyshwick area, the addition of 460 traffic movements each day on Ipswich Street.
- odour and noise pollution from the site and proximity to commercial and retail businesses.
- the local traders fear they will need to move as they lose custom.
- property owners fear they will lose tenants who will be hard to replace.
- The amount of recycling is overstated to precisely align with Minister Fitzharris's stated target of recycling to improve a further 20%. Similar mixed waste recovery is to be expected to be more in the region of 2% to 5%.
- Recycling already contaminated waste does not produce a clean product for any use.
- Composting needs to be sourced separately and the government has allocated some \$33.3m in the 2017-18 budget for food and garden organics (FOGO) to be collected from our new green bins, and about time too.
- Transfer of more than 80% of the CRS input to landfill undermines the Waste Feasibility Study's major recommendation of source separation of FOGO into compost for agricultural use as occurs in 22 local councils in NSW currently.
- The compost produced at Woodlawn is not of sufficient quality for gardens and is for restoration of mining activities previously at the site.
- There are residents throughout Fyshwick as is legal under the old Crown leases and several live on Wiluna St within 100m of the site.
- There are hazards in regard to workers on the contaminated site and nearby and the risk of fire is great both in metal yards and waste facilities – in particular lithium batteries increasingly common in both red bin and commercial waste can explode causing fires. In California 65% of fires in waste facilities are now generated by lithium batteries.
- The metal yard adjacent which is the intended rail freight to Port Botany has experienced 7 fires in a 3 year period so there certainly is fire risk with cumulative impact.
- The fire in the scrap metal yard at Beard recently caused fire fighters from Canberra, Queanbeyan and the airport to work overnight. Queanbeyan residents were advised to stay inside and close windows as smoke billowed over a large area. There was concern that it was toxic. The particulates in the smoke cause damage and can affect people with health conditions sensitive to air pollution.

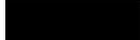
And lastly, there is no problem with the Mugga Lane landfill as it operates as a Bio-reactor producing electricity more efficiently than Woodlawn's. With FOGO to compost up and running the present life of our landfill approved for 30 years from

2015 may well be extended to the next century as there will be little need for landfill.

There has to be a better solution to the A.C.T's waste disposal issues. If billions can be spent providing a rail link for residents surely there can be an investment in rail for a waste facility located outside an area of such commercial importance?

I hope that you see sense and legislate on behalf of the concerned ACT citizens and not for a monopolising interstate business. Too often our elected representatives listen to big business and follow the money to the detriment of both the environment and society. We elect you, our tax payer dollars pay you, your advisers, and administrative employees to make good decisions on our behalf. Our paid representatives are the lobbyists for the people, and our environment.

Regards



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