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Subject: Submission opposing the Material Waste Facility at Fyshwick
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Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate Customer Service

Re: NI 2018-17
Application No: 201700053
Submission opposing the Material Waste Facility at Fyshwick

I hereby wish to lodge my objection to the proposed Material Waste Facility at Fyshwick. My reasons for my objection are as follows:

- 1. Health Risks** – The Health Report in the EIS is inadequate and fails to assess the air inversion issue for this inner south area, the hazardous working conditions inside a supposedly sealed shed and the increased diesel fumes concentrated by slow moving heavy vehicles on the single through lanes of Ipswich St. The NSW EPA has assessed the Queanbeyan/Canberra area as having the highest reading of 2.5 particulates outside of Sydney. Those with asthma and hay fever are aware of the breathing difficulties. Not taken into account is the cumulative effect on human health from activities in the adjacent scrap metal yard which is the rail freight to Port Botany, integral to the project.
- 2. Odour** - The most obvious impact for locals living close to the proposal is smell, all the red bin waste and commercial bin waste from Canberra and surrounds will be processed in the shed to be built with the fumes drawn up via 6 storey high chimneys and pumped into the air to swirl around our area. You will smell it! CRS have not justified a major part of its proposal by comparison with sheds that transfer both red bin (wet) and dry waste in the one facility. The similar Banksmeadow transfer terminal in Sydney found it could only handle the single stream of red bin waste to Woodlawn despite intending both.
- 3. Traffic** - All garbage trucks along with much larger articulated and B Double vehicles will need to access and leave the site each day. This equates to 460 extra garbage truck movements on Ipswich St alone. This is already a congested traffic area and these numbers will bring Fyshwick traffic around the site close to a standstill when it is operating. The EIS has not accounted for the lunch time peak for traffic in the area nor can modelling be done on an average truck movement in and out of the site but is required to address a worst case scenario. The trucks will travel mainly between 7am and 4pm so the average is more likely to be one every 2 not 4 minutes. Obviously queueing will occur as happens at Mugga now.
- 4. Noise** – Those that live in Old Narrabundah are already aware of the noise from heavy vehicles each night when background noise is minimal, add to this another industry with longer than usual processing operational hours and increased truck movements as proposed just to interrupt your peace and quiet for longer each day. Residents closest to this site will also have to battle with the noise from heavy machinery processing the waste late into the evening and early in the morning. There are residents living within 100m on Wiluna St.
- 5. Devaluing our Assets** – Our land is our major asset in ACT and it could be argued that the land opposite this site known as East Lake could suffer heavy losses in price expectation if this proposal went ahead. East Lake is at the notification stage and will in the future house 9000 people living in buildings up to 6 storeys high. These price devaluations will impact on property owners in Fyshwick, Symonston, Narrabundah and the Kingston Foreshore. The ACT government owns a 5.8h site in Lithgow St and Canberra Ave. Future

development proposals will similarly be devalued with proximity to a red bin waste facility.

6. **Are we the Capital of Australia?** – Why would we jeopardise opportunities to sell our city to the world in the best possible way. This site is within 4.2km from most National buildings and the Parliamentary triangle. Why risk smell, fire or even a toxic bloom close to these National treasures and tourism attractions.

7. **What of the impacts to business in the same street** – The EIS offers little in consideration to the future of the existing businesses in this area. Shoppers will stay away and the viability of the businesses will be at risk, tenants will want out of their leases and landlords will be left with poor prospects for attracting new business into their premises. CRS has done no assessment of the property devaluations as promised at its presentations to community.

8. **Could we be stuck with a lemon** – There is no evidence that the NSW Government, through their Woodlawn facility, will take all the unrecyclable waste from the ACT through this site. Why would the NSW Government legislate for Woodlawn to take some 240,000tpa from the ACT which will shorten the life of its major landfill site accepting around 20% of Sydney's red bin waste? There is also no evidence to support the claim that the ACT Government will allow contracts to CRS on any kerbside waste. Only commercial will be available.

I am the owner of [redacted] Lithgow Street, Fyshwick which is a property currently tenanted by [redacted]. I believe the establishment of a Waste Facility in Fyshwick will have a very negative impact on my tenants and on the value of all properties in the area.

Yours faithfully

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