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Director
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

RE: CRS Proposal for Materials Recovery Facility at Fyshwick

We wish to register our strong objections to the proposal to establish a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Fyshwick – draft Environmental Impact Statement NI2018-27 (and EIS Application NI201700053).

Various community groups, such as the Griffith-Narrabundah Community Association, as well as many Fyshwick businesses and concerned Canberra residents have provided detailed submissions outlining the problems with the EIS and pointing out the overwhelming negative impacts of the proposal on the ACT community. These submissions have highlighted the deficiencies of the EIS and its disingenuous comments about the likely problems.

There are numerous examples both overseas and in Australia where locating facilities such as this MRF in close proximity to residential and retail precincts has resulted in major negative impacts on the quality of life of residents.

Among our concerns are:

- . the possible deleterious impact on the health of Inner South residents as well as those using the retail and service facilities in Fyshwick from offensive smells and noxious fumes resulting from the processing, transport and storage (including from transport delays) of the waste;
- . the potential for devastating toxic fires in an area populated by retail outlets and adjacent to residential housing and the Fyshwick Markets;
- . the disruption to traffic caused by the numerous heavy truck movements, and the likely additional damage to roads and infrastructure; and
- . possible future implications for the ACT budget.

In short, we consider that Fyshwick is the wrong location for a MRF of this size and scope. If such a facility is needed in Canberra, it should be located in an area removed from residential and retail precincts. We are concerned that the current proposal is an ad hoc initiative by one privately owned enterprise that potentially has major social and financial implications for the overall future of waste management in the ACT. No approval for any such project should be given in the absence of a detailed and comprehensive plan for the future handling of waste in the ACT.

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