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EIS201700053 FYSHWICK WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY

To the Director-General of ACT Planning

I wish to object to the location of a major waste facility in Fyshwick.

I submit this is a proposal which is of benefit only to the proponent, CRS, and is not in the interests of the broader public. To allow a "one stop solution for all of Canberra's waste" will deliver a monopoly to this company and only increased prices will result for ACT ratepayers.

Locating this major waste station on Ipswich St Fyshwick will be against Government plans to make the Hume Waste Precinct the proper location for development of this magnitude. In fact with organisation well advanced and more than \$33m allocated in the 2017-18 budget to our new green bins to receive food and garden organics (FOGO), it seems implausible that such a proposal could possibly be advanced. How could such an Immense waste transfer shed with gfa of 7275m², the largest of its type in Australia, be needed if food waste hopefully to be reduced, will in 5 years' time be deposited into green bins to go to useable compost? CRS plans to transfer 80% of the waste simply on to Woodlawn landfill at our expense. If the amount available is reduced ie, less the putrescible 40% component, then waste will be imported. Or we will all pay dearly for the clean-up.

ACT NoWaste has already on a number of occasions costed the option of waste to Woodlawn and rejected such because it is uneconomical. CRS has not produced a business case which would justify the claim that rail is cheaper. Why would the NSW Planning and Development Department be agreeable to reducing the life of the Woodlawn landfill when it is set to take in 20% of Sydney's waste? To assume that ACT waste may be able sometime in the future to access the composting facility at Woodlawn is specious, as this facility is currently producing a lesser grade product than source separation and FOGO to compost will. The Woodlawn product is contaminated and unsuitable for garden and agricultural use. Some 22 NSW councils operate FOGO into compost.

Fyshwick has been gentrifying and diversifying nicely over the last decade, however this waste network plan will dramatically alter a large part of Fyshwick back to a harsh dirty-industry environment.

CRS must address the following issues and omissions in its draft EIS;

1. The Air Quality Study was missing;
2. Other alternatives were not addressed as a separate Appendix;
3. The Fire risk assessment must look to the increased danger of fires in waste facilities as is well known. The scrap metal operation comprising the known rail freight to Port Botany and adjoining the waste transfer, has experienced 7 fires over a 3 year period. One fire was an explosion and a worker was knocked unconscious;
4. There are residents in Fyshwick including on Wiluna St and these people were ignored.

There are multiple issues in this extremely poor process. To the point that I request the Minister to reject this proposal.

Sincerely

