

**Submission against the Fyshwick MRF and Railway Terminal  
EIS Application number 201700053**

**To the Director-General of ACT Planning**

I object to the construction of a waste transfer station (MRF) and railway terminal on Ipswich Street Fyshwick. Granting a monopoly over Canberra's red bin waste collection and disposal to one company, inexperienced in that area of waste handling is a serious risk that cannot be accepted.

Canberra residents want and deserve security for their waste services. This proposal does not supply that security.

There are far too many uncertainties associated with the proposal in its present form. These questions have not been answered in the Draft EIS.

- What will happen if Woodlawn ceases to accept ACT waste or if it fails to secure NSW Government consent to take it or if that consent is withdrawn at a future date?
- What will happen if there are delays or failures on the rail line and waste builds up in the MRF? What trucks will take waste direct to Woodlawn?
- What will happen if the containers cannot be filled on time either through shortage of empty containers or mechanical failure, at the same time, of both compactors?
- What will happen if there is a serious fire in the waste inside the buildings and the damage is major?
- What will happen if CRS wishes to cease operating or sells to another company and they cease operating? Do the ACT taxpayers cop the clean up bill?
- How long is this project meant to operate and what then for our waste?
- Are there any plans for staged decommissioning at the end of the facility's life?
- Is the new system going to cost the ratepayer extra and how much?
- Are the people in Sydney aware of this proposal and do they support it when its outcome for them is a reduction in the active life of their waste solution, the Woodlawn landfill?
- When exactly is stage 2, the WtE Plant going to be built? It is a clear part of the Scoping Application and part of this development considered in its entirety?
- How will the split development be managed while our waste is being sorted, recycled, compacted and transported at the same time and in the same shed?
- What level of disruption can we expect?
- Why has this development been facilitated before the period of public comment on the Waste Feasibility Study is completed and its results analysed?

Security of waste services is of the utmost public interest that must be protected at all times. It is the responsibility of the Government to make sound planning decision based on clear and accurate information. It is unacceptable then, that these questions have no answers and till they are provided the Government should not support this development.

Respectfully,

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