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Please see the attached submission.

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In our changing climate, we're all affected so we need to be all in on the action!

I acknowledge that I live, meet and work on the land of First Nations people and that sovereignty was never ceded. I pay respect to their Elders, past and present, and acknowledge the pivotal role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within the Australian community.

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I am writing to object to the above proposal.

There are numerous reasons that the proposal should be rejected. These are outlined in other submissions. The ACT has made a name for itself as a well-planned and clean, green and progressive jurisdiction and we continue to promote this image as a reason to visit Canberra. If this proposal goes ahead, it will make a mockery of that image and our marketing. The result will be that the rest of Australia, including non-ACT federal politicians, will deride the ACT even more.

This submission concentrates on a huge issue that the EIS has addressed at only a cursory and broad brush level: climate change.

Section 8.1.8 of the Scoping Document said that the EIS needed to include:

- *An assessment of the effect the proposal may have on climate change and how the proposal is consistent with associated ACT and national policies*

The EIS does not demonstrate exactly how the proposal is consistent with ACT and national climate change policies

In particular, it does not demonstrate how it will:

- move the ACT toward zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2045
- reduce ACT greenhouse gas emissions more and faster than the current and planned 'waste' management policies
- do so in a way that is consistent with taking responsibility for our own emissions - as recommended by the ACT Climate Change Council and public submissions.

There is considerable support for the ACT taking responsibility for its own emissions, at least. The Climate Change Council recommends the ACT take responsibility for reducing its emissions itself, instead of buying offsets elsewhere. This proposition has been warmly welcomed, both for moral leadership and for the opportunities it offers to the ACT economy. Some people see the moral and economic benefits being even greater if the ACT takes on responsibility for reducing emissions for entities outside the ACT.

Achieving zero net emissions, promoting the ACT as leading on responsibility and sustainability, and taking responsibility for our own emissions means that the ACT should not :

- (a) increase 'waste' or emissions from 'waste';
- (b) convert 'waste' to energy; or
- (c) export 'waste' for conversion to energy or for landfill 'disposal' or equivalent.

This proposal is aimed at (c) and should therefore be rejected. Its predecessor aimed at (b) and, if resurrected, should also be rejected.

Furthermore, the proposal is at odds with the ACT Waste Management Strategy 2011-251.

The Strategy's subtitle and tag line clearly outlines the way forward. The proposal does not take us closer either 'Towards a sustainable Canberra' nor to 'Reducing waste and recovering resources to achieve a sustainable, carbon-neutral Canberra'.

Continuing to bury organic 'waste' and exporting 'waste' to landfill or similar 'disposal' achieves neither of these.

It also promotes the last resort on the waste management hierarchy, which is clearly shown in the Strategy.

Also contrary to the Strategy, the proposal does not deal with organic 'waste'. The Strategy aims to recover organic 'waste' resources and develop markets for them.

These reasons, combined with recent public investments in the Mugga Lane Resource Recovery Centre, planned residential and business developments for East Lake, Narrabundah and Fyshwick, and rapidly increasing traffic congestion, add up to this proposal being wrong for the ACT. Accordingly, it must be rejected.



¹ https://www.environment.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/576916/ACT-Waste-Strategy-Policy_access.pdf