

To the Chief Planning Executive

Re. Materials recovery facility – Fyshwick – EIS application 201700053

The risks and impacts arising from this proposal are massive, and patently unacceptable for the businesses and local communities that are within its footprint.

I totally reject the ludicrous assertions in the EIS, which claim that these risks and impacts (listed in the EIS) are minimal, or able to be mitigated so as to become negligible.

The proposed siting, for an industrial development of this size and nature, is absurd and totally inappropriate.

This huge development is largely a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week operation. It will bring an additional 460 heavy-truck movements through inner south communities, every day. It will bring unacceptable levels of noise and smell. It will bring unacceptable levels of traffic and congestion. It will bring unacceptable risks of catastrophic waste fires and air pollution. To say the least!

The EIS simply ‘whitewashes’ these risks and impacts!

The proposed site – incredibly – is located right in the middle of the Fyshwick retail precinct. Fyshwick has a few car yards, timber yards, mechanical workshops and ‘light’ manufacturing, however it is PRIMARILY A RETAIL PRECINCT – with livelihoods tied up in hundreds of small and big businesses – including dozens of cafes, food and beverage outlets, antique shops, specialty shops, bike shops, lighting, furniture, furnishings and whitegoods, electrical goods, and clothing stores (the list goes on).

The site is directly adjacent to inner south residential suburbs, schools and day care centres.

The impacts will devastate the Fyshwick retail precinct and ruin the amenity and fabric of local communities.

This proposal in no way reflects community expectations for sustainable development.

I question the whole process of allowing the industry sector to put forward proposals for waste management.

I question the need for this facility (when Mugga landfill and co-generation facilities are secured for the next 30 years).

This proposal is driven wholly by private commercial interests and private gain – in no way does it meet the public good test.

That fact that government is even considering a proposal of this nature, at the Fyshwick site, reflects poorly on the government – it reflects worst-case planning and worst-case public policy.

A truly sad state of affairs.


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