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The waste situation really is quite simple:

- we have lots of recyclables and organics in the red lid bins
- setup a 3-6 bin system based on source separation
- reuse and recycle the now clean materials
- compost and dryly ferment the organics
- store the remaining inert materials (<10% of what there is now) in GPS-located depots
- redesign products to be reusable

The result: no need for new landfills, no messy wet gas-producing landfills, no need for expensive and hazardous CRS, higher quality recycling, organic fertilisers and soils, stores of valuable hydrocarbons for future generations, jobs for the local community.

The CRS proposal is the easy way out for public servants to tick off their lowest order waste management goals. It is not an ambitious project, and keeps Canberra going on with “business as usual” - the landfill will just be transferred from Hume to Woodlawn. This is not why the community voted for a Labor-Greens government.

On the other hand, there is a global movement toward Zero Waste and a Circular Economy. In light of Canberra’s transition to 100% renewable electricity, and 100% renewable energy by 2050 at the latest, we would be silly to lock ourselves into the profit-oriented ‘old-world’ business model of CRS, and even more silly if we ignore the many alternatives that much better fit into’s Canberra’s attempt to be a modern and vibrant city. If we are to be an example for others on the international stage, we must strive for Zero Waste and take back our position as Zero Waste Leader we had in the 90s.

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