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To Whom it Concerns,

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Materials Recovery Facility Fyshwick, Section 8, Blocks 9 & 11, Capital Recycling Solutions. Application Number 201700053

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft EIS, Application number 201700053 regarding the location of a "materials recovery facility" (waste management plant) in the ACT suburb of Fyshwick.

I strongly oppose approval of the materials recovery facility being located on blocks 9 & 11 section 8 Fyshwick. In the past decade I have been in Canberra I have seen significant changes in the Fyshwick suburb, from a place of light-industry to a location which comprises mixed uses, still retaining its industrial work, but expanding to include business catering directly to consumers, whether clothing, furniture, whitegoods or even cafes and coffee. I can find no justification for the plant being located on this site.

With the recent renewal of the Diary Flat Road site, including a commercial brewery and extremely popular bouldering location (attracting tourists from interstate to use the facility!) i think canberra could be in danger of damaging its reputation as a destination for tourists by halting the renewal of the Fyshwick site by allowing a recovery facility which will have reaching impacts on its neighbours through odour and increased traffic.

While I am sure you are trying to focus Fyshwick as an industrial site, its location has led it to slowly start evolving, as Braddon has, to a place where the community can meet and relax. I believe that trying to focus solely on its industrial credentials is an error that needs to stop. By allowing cafes, entertainment areas and public eateries to open up and flourish I believe the government itself started the gentrification process, and it is time to allow Fyshwick to continue its evolution, rather than trying to stifle it. This is a suburb only 10 minutes from the centre of Canberra and a prime location for the community to meet, central to both North and South. That mix gives Fyshwick special appeal and is rare in Canberra, a city divided by a man-made lake.

Why a waste facility would be allowed as its centre piece is beyond comprehension. The central site is totally incompatible with Fyshwick's character and quite contrary to the more civilised plans for its future.

On so many levels (traffic, health risks, vermin, odour, noise, fire risk etc) the location of the waste recovery plant will compromise the prosperity of Fyshwick and seriously detract from its general amenity and that of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The EIS fails to make that clear. For those of us who visit Fyshwick regularly the 230 garbage truck movements into and another 230 out of Fyshwick daily would completely detract from doing business. We already know that the intersections of Canberra Avenue and Geelong Street, Monaro Highway and Newcastle Street and Canberra Avenue and Ipswich Street are extremely busy during business hours. We also note the erroneous traffic report that averages the truck movements from 6am to 12 midnight (15 per hour). We know via the contracts to pick up domestic waste that the garbage trucks cannot pick up from the

suburbs until 7am – they then converge to waste facility from 10am to 1pm and then again from 3pm to 5pm...so the majority of movements will be during busy Fyshwick trading hours (25-30 large garbage trucks per hour in and out)

There must surely be other more suitable locations (such as Hume) where the effects of an operation of the kind proposed would not be as destructive.

For all the benefits which I believe a proposal of this kind would have, I urge you to seriously consider alternative sites that would give both the business model and the future of Fyshwick a better chance of survival.

Kind Regards

