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Materials recovery facility – Fyshwick [EIS application 201700053]

As a resident of Narrabundah I am writing to express my opposition to development of a Materials Recovery Facility in Fyshwick as proposed in EIS application #201700053.

I request that the development application be rejected.

I have lived in the ACT for many years, including the last twenty in Narrabundah. This suburb and the adjoining areas have gone through extraordinary growth and rejuvenation during that time.

Narrabundah was established in the late 1940s to provide a short-term solution to the need for housing for the tradespeople brought here to build the nation's capital in the expansive, optimistic post-war era. The territory planners of the time quite openly viewed this as a temporary settlement.¹ They never imagined that it would grow and prosper the way it did, to become a significant feature of the Canberra landscape in its own right.

That growth has experienced new impetus in the last few years, with the development of the Kingston foreshore, rejuvenation of the Jerrabomberra Wetlands and growth of the Fyshwick retail business sector.

The proposal to build a major waste facility in Fyshwick came as a surprise to me and my neighbours. It suggests a return to the bad old days of treating this area as the poor relation - the place where you hide 'the other'. It ignores the social, economic and ecological values of the area and smacks of ad hoc urban planning at its worst.

I agree that it is timely for the ACT to consider its responsibilities regarding waste management. It's a topical issue in all cities the world over. It is such an important issue, it must be given the consideration it deserves by the entire ACT community.

Canberra recorded the fastest growth in the last census.² It is considered one of the world's most liveable cities.³ We have a strong economy and continue to attract the best and brightest.

As in the early days, sound planning is essential to our success. That includes waste management. The siting of future waste management facilities can only be considered within the context of overall territory planning. It needs to take into account not just the current situation but a vastly bigger, more complex urban settlement; one that accommodates the best mix of future residential, retail, recreational and ecological land uses.

The proposed waste facility is not suited to Fyshwick. It will increase traffic congestion and noise, diminish air quality, and pose a real risk to the waterways and ecological values of the surrounding areas. Most importantly, it will seriously and irrevocably reduce the liveability of the area for current and future residents.

I oppose the proposed development in the strongest possible terms and request that the proposal be rejected.

Yours sincerely,



Narrabundah

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¹ Foskett, A, 2011. *Homes for the Workers. The history of the Narrabundah pre fabs: a unique part of Canberra's urban history*. Narrabundah Pre Fabs History Group.

² O'Mallon, F, and McIlroy, T, 2016. *ACT has nation's largest population growth, Gungahlin the driver*. Canberra Times, 27 June 2017.

³ Nguyen, H, 2017. *Canberra named Lonely Planet's third best city in the world to visit in 2018*. Canberra Times, 25 October 2017