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

I strongly oppose approval of the materials recovery facility being located on blocks 9 & 11 section 8 Fyshwick.

After giving this matter plenty of thought, I can find no justification for the plant being located on this site.

Fyshwick is a Canberra suburb frequented by so many for consumer purposes – whether it be cars, furniture, whitegoods, flooring, curtains, tools, clothes and auctions the list goes on. Many businesses have invested in Fyshwick because of the Government's support bulky goods retailing. As a result complimentary businesses in Fyshwick include bakers, cafes, accountants, lawyers, architects, car washes and the list goes on. Fyshwick is a destination suburb for many Canberran's and the addition of the central waste facility for all of Canberra's domestic waste would ruin Fyshwick as it is today.

We also note the adverse effect this proposal would have on other developments like Eastlake's urban renewal and the development and brewery at Dairy Flat Road.

Given its proximity to the city and being surrounded by well established inner residential suburbs, it is inevitable that Fyshwick has grown to be one of the few places in Canberra that has embraced diversity as a light industrial, commercial, cultural, entertainment and even residential precinct. That mix gives Fyshwick special appeal.

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 (eg Hume?) where the effects of an operation of the kind proposed would not be as destructive. I also note that the Canberra Times reported on 25 June that:

**'Toxic foams linked to contamination at three ACT sites are still being carried on territory fire trucks more than 13 years after they were officially phased out.**

**A small number of nine litre extinguishers kept by ACT Fire and Rescue are still filled with aqueous film-forming foams (AFFF) containing potentially-harmful polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), internal government briefings reveal'.**

The ACT Government has therefore potentially exposed residents in Canberra to toxic substances and has not protected residents from high risk substances,

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. I also urge the ACT Government to act to protect residents from dangerous substances such as PFAS. The ACT Government has a poor record in this respect including the action needed to rectify the Mr Fluffy houses following asbestos exposure of residents.

kind regards

