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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.

Intellex is a arguably Canberra's largest Tech company employing over 80 people. Our headquarters are located on Wiluna st, in close proximity to the proposed facility. Intellex generates well in excess of \$20m revenue for Canberra, and the on flow of 80 highly paid professional people who live or have moved to Canberra. We have been the recipient of the Telstra Business of the year, exporter of the year, and listed several times in the BRW fastest growing companies.

The development of the Facility would cause us to move from Fyshwick, and in likelihood from Canberra. We are under immense pressure to relocate from Canberra to Sydney or to the USA where the majority of our business is generated.

The location of Fyshwick is perfect for tech companies, close proximity to central Canberra and the seat of government, and close proximity to the airport. This development would see the destruction of Fyshwick, and the change of character for the surrounds, and the amazing development opportunity that Fyshwick has potential for.

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.

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.

I am happy to discuss this development and offer suggestions about how Fyshwick could become a centre of innovation.

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