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Capital Recycling Solutions

Dear Act Government

I live at [REDACTED] Narrabundah. **I am writing to let you know that I am extremely concerned about the proposal to build a waste materials recovery and recycling processing centre at Fyshwick.**

If the proposal goes ahead I will have little option other than to sell my house and move. That would be a very unfair result for me personally, but also for the community generally. I will be only one of hundreds of residents, families and business owners affected. When I purchased the property 9 years ago, it was the pleasant streetscape and local community that made the location attractive. Living near a waste management facility was not part of the plan. It is unnecessary and unacceptable to build an industrial project of this kind so close to retail, commercial, light industry and residential zones. My street will no longer be a quiet suburban zone – it will have heavy industry and continual truck traffic in the suburb next door.

The waste management facility (WMF) needs to be located in an area which can support the type of activity involved – trucks, storage, noise, fumes and high traffic movements. There is no reason for it to be located on this site. The proximity to a rail line is NOT as reason to locate it at the proposed site. There are other sites which have access to rail.

Fyshwick is a commercial centre which provides the practical stuff of life for Canberra residents. Consumer goods, cars, hardware, furniture, whitegoods, flooring, curtains, paint and tools. There would be few Canberrans who would not visit Fyshwick at least several times a year – most people would go many times a year. It has been designed as the go to location bringing retailers and wholesalers together in the one place.

The WMF would ruin that role – it would turn a friendly and practical business hub into a heavy industrial zone. The WMF would also be too close to Lake Burley Griffin, to the new residential developments in Kingston and Barton, and too close to the city centre.

The WMF will change the character of Fyshwick and have a detrimental effect on businesses. This is totally unfair to the businesses concerned and their customers.

It is not acceptable to put families and children at risk of additional traffic and trucks while simply going about their weekend shopping. 230 garbage truck movements in and 230 out of Fyshwick daily would make intersections extremely busy, create additional traffic and make use of streets in the area by pedestrians at least problematic and potentially unsafe.

I would have no objection to the WMF being sited at Hume, Mitchell, Symonston or another industrial zone. I am not opposed to the WMF generally, only that the proposed site is unsuitable. It would be better for the people working at the WMF to have an area away from people, children, retailers and general traffic. Using another site would make use of the facility more efficient and safer for everyone, including management, workers and other users.

Fyshwick should be for the people – not for heavy industry. There is no point destroying the present amenity of the area for no gain. Cities should be driven by the needs of people – not degraded because it is easier to do that than make more suitable arrangements for industry.

A WMF and recycling centre would have benefits for Canberra and its people. We hope that you will see that those benefits will be much greater and can be delivered more safely by building it at another site. People can then embrace recycling AND visit Fyshwick, AND enjoy their residential streets.

Thank you for considering these points. I look forward to hearing that the proposed development will not be going ahead in Fyshwick.

I am happy to be contacted regarding this submission.

Regards

