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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 June 2018 11:06 PM  
**To:** EPD, Customer Services  
**Subject:** RE: Request from the [REDACTED]

**Categories:** Green Category

Dear EPD Customer Services

As a commuter through the Fyshwick precinct and user of many of the services in the Fyshwick precinct, I do not have an issue with the placing of the recycling facility adjacent to the railway as does the [REDACTED] in the email I received below (or a furnace for that matter). Waste is a problem we all have to deal with, and its removal should be dealt with at a facility that is central to all of Canberra from a freight and public transport perspective. Public Transport for Blue Collar workers at this kind of facility is important – the workers most likely to work in this kind of facility in Hume or other remote locales are also the most likely to be impacted by the cost of private transport (fuel, registration, etc) unless the wages compensate.

However, I do believe there is a good reason to be concerned about the amount of heavy-vehicle traffic that this would generate in Fyshwick, and the impact it would have on the roads. To this end, I suggest the following combination of measures:

- a) Elevated conveyor belt, cable car or monorail transport from a transfer facility with less traffic (eg pullover points on the Monaro Highway) to the proposed heavy-rail transit and sorting facility. These technologies have been used in the mining sector in various forms for many years. This would reduce wear and tear on the roads and keep traffic in Fyshwick moving.
- b) Mandatory use of Hybrid and/or battery powered refuse trucks to move trucks in and out of Fyshwick quickly. The added benefit to this is less diesel smoke.

Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 June 2018 15:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Request from the [REDACTED]

Dear Canberra Bidders

Some of you may have seen news about the proposal to place a waste facility in the middle of Ipswich Street – Fyshwick’s most central thoroughfare. As you know Fyshwick has been gentrifying and diversifying nicely over the last decade, however this waste network plan will dramatically alter a large part of Fyshwick back to a harsh dirty-industry environment.

We need your help to object to this proposal in this central location. There is no doubt that many businesses in Fyshwick can’t coexist with a waste facility.

Please see my objection below and feel free to use this or add your own thoughts – submissions are due the ACT Government by close of business this Wednesday.

Thanks in advance

To help all businesses in the area please send an email to [EPDCustomerServices@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDCustomerServices@act.gov.au)

Re: SUBMISSION AGAINST

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.

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.

