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To whom it may concern,

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PRESENTED BY CAPITAL RECYCLING SOLUTIONS P/L IN RESPONSE TO SCOPING DOCUMENT NI2018-27 REGARDING THE PROPOSED WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY IN FYSHWICK

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal for a materials recovery facility (MRF) in Fyshwick.

I am a resident of Narrabundah and live less than a kilometre from the site of the proposed MRF.

I am deeply concerned about the proposal, and as the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) points out there are significant risks. The EIS suggests these risks can be mitigated and minimised through motherhood statements. For example, the entire mitigation measures section for Socio-Economic and Health, p97, reads, "Given the above risks, a range of mitigation measures will be adopted".

It is not apparent what the consequences are if the proponents do not follow through with the proposed mitigations, and a lack of government controls to ensure the facility operates safely is another serious concern. The EIS lacks evidence on how successful the proposed mitigations would be and are largely based on supposition, or 'guesstimates'.

In some instances, the risk of a negative impact, no matter how low, is too great when considering the site's proximity to residences, childcare facilities and schools.

For instance a potential fire at the site could have devastating and long-lasting impacts for residents that cannot be undone through exposure to toxic gases. .

My concerns about the proposal span a range of areas, including:

Odour

Landfill material being processed at the site will most likely result in offensive odour for nearby businesses and residents. The proponents own EIS and Health Impact Assessment (HIA) acknowledge this.

Health impacts

The potential health impacts are varied and include the increased harmful diesel emissions from the many hundreds of truck movements a day; the potential exposure to toxic fumes in the case of an emergency such as a fire, the chemical composition of the plume from the ventilator stack and the stress that such a facility will create for local residents.

The proponents HIA identified overwhelmingly more negative impacts than positive ones.

Traffic congestion

As a local resident I use Canberra Avenue and the Monaro Highway daily. An increase of 230 truck movements each day will inevitably impact travel times. A mitigation consisting of avoiding peak traffic times is not a convincing or realistic plan.

Noise

Living in proximity to Fyshwick and the Monaro Highway we are already exposed to significant noise pollution, particularly in winter when the deciduous trees shed their leaves along Mill Creek removing the sound buffer. It is not uncommon for us to hear industrial activity from Fyshwick in the evening. The noise from the truck movements in addition to the MRF will increase noise pollution, negatively impacting the amenity of the suburb and increasing stress levels.

Risk of fire

The EIS seems to only consider the risk of bushfire, however history demonstrates that the risk of internally generated fires at waste facilities is significant. The EIS is deficient in considering this real and potentially dangerous impact.

Impact on land values

As a home owner I pay exorbitant rates that have been subject to dramatic increases over the past few years. In theory this is justified because of the ideal location and amenity of the suburb. Living within a kilometre of a dump will negatively impact on house prices.

The EIS and associated documents lack any rigour to be credible. I am not opposed to the idea of a waste transfer station, but the location poses far too many risks for the residents of Narrabundah. There are plenty of alternative locations for such a facility removed from residential areas which would make far better sense for such a proposal.

I hope the planning authorities take these concerns seriously and are just as alarmed by the lack of rigour and data to substantiate claims made in the EIS.

Yours sincerely,

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