



Inner South Canberra Community Council

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cc: Ministers Fitzharris, Gentleman, Rattenbury, Steven-Smith
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Mr Ben Ponton, Director General EPSDD

Dear Chief Minister

MODIFICATION OF FYSHWICK WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY PROPOSAL

I am writing on behalf of the Inner South Canberra Community Council (ISCCC) in relation to Capital Recycling Solutions (CRS's) proposal to establish a Waste Processing Facility in Fyshwick.

You will recall that we wrote to you on 26 September 2017 in relation to CRS's original proposal to incinerate waste at its Fyshwick facility. We sought your assurance that the public would be given adequate time to consider the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) when released by CRS, and that adjustments to the EIS consideration period be made if the EIS consideration period coincided with the Xmas/New Year holiday period. Consequently we asked that the EIS consideration period be extended to 60 working days and that the consultation period clock be turned off between 15 December 2017 and 15 January 2018. To date we have received no response to our letter.

CRS has recently announced that it proposes to divide its proposal into two components. Component 1 is a proposal to establish a waste sorting and recovery facility at its Fyshwick property. Recycled material recovered through this process will be railed to Sydney, while organic material will be sent to the Woodlawn Bioreactor facility at Tarago. We understand that CRS will lodge an EIS for this component in the near future, possibly in December 2017. Component 2 would involve replacing the export of organic material to Woodlawn with incineration at a plant to be constructed on the Fyshwick site. We understand that CRS hope to lodge an EIS for this component in late 2018.

We note that the Government issued a formal scoping document (Planning and Development (Materials Recovery and Waste to Energy Facility - Fyshwick) Scoping Document 2017) on 18 July 2017 specifying what must be addressed in the EIS that is required in relation to CRS's initial proposal for a waste recovery and incineration facility. We understand that the Government has already decided that the decision by CRS to divide the project into two components with two associated EISs means that this current Scoping Document must now be replaced by two Scoping Documents, one for each proposed EIS. As a Scoping Document is a notifiable instrument we would be grateful if you could advise us when each of the relevant Scoping Documents are publicly notified.

Dividing the proposal into two would not diminish its complexity in any way. Consequently we repeat our request that members of the public be offered a genuine opportunity to examine the proposal by requiring that the public consultation period be extended to 60 working days, and that in addition this extended consultation period apply to each of the two EIS documents to be produced in relation to this proposal. We also repeat our request that if Xmas or New Year occur within this 60 working day EIS consultation period that the consultation clock be turned off, from Friday 15 December 2017 to Monday 15 January 2018 for an EIS lodged in late 2017, and between Friday 14 December 2018 and Monday 14 January 2019 for an EIS lodged in late 2018.

I have taken the liberty of copying this letter to Mr Ben Ponton, Director General of Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development, as officers of that Directorate appear to be unaware of our earlier correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edquist', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John Edquist

Deputy Chair

24 November 2017