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Dear Ministers

RE: INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO EIS201700053 FOR CRS FYSHWICK WASTE FACILITY AND LONG TERM PLANNING FOR EAST LAKE AND FYSHWICK

The Inner South Canberra Community Council held a public forum on Tuesday, 11 June 2019, attended by about 100 people, focusing on urban intensification, but also providing an update on the various freight and waste/recycling facility proposals for Fyshwick. We appreciated the attendance of Urban Renewal Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith and senior EPSDD and TCCS officials as speakers, and also the attendance of Climate Change Minister Shane Rattenbury.

Representatives of the Kingston and Barton Residents Group (Peter Moore) and the Griffith Narrabundah Community Association (Leo Dobes) provided an update on the proposed major Fyshwick waste facilities. Access Recycling/CRS representative Adam Perry was provided with an opportunity to speak. Following discussion, the motion below was put to the meeting and was supported overwhelmingly:

"This meeting calls for both Health Minister Fitzharris and Planning and Land Management Minister Mick Gentleman to establish an expert independent inquiry panel to inquire about the Environmental Impact Statement submitted by Capital Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd for major waste facilities at Fyshwick. The panel's investigation would include the extent of health impacts in relation to air emissions including those emissions associated with heavy vehicle transport as well as a comprehensive assessment of hazard and risks associated with the proposal."

The ISCCC supports this motion from the meeting, and requests that the ACT Government establish such an independent inquiry as soon as possible. The independent inquiry should consider also the ecological impact of the proposed waste/recycling facilities, including the impact on groundwater and waterways.

At the meeting we were also given to understand that in the EIS201700053 for a Materials Recovery Facility in Fyshwick, CRS was not required to address the draft *EPA Separation Distance Guidelines for Air Emissions*. Given that there are residents and workers in Wiluna Street within 150 metres of the proposed facility, this was a serious omission. The

proponents were only asked to respond to less stringent NSW legislation. Could you please advise why the ACT draft guidelines were not specified in this case while proponents for two previous EIS processes in Hume (NI:2016-332 and NI:2017-628) were required to address them?

Finally, and importantly, at the public forum the Urban Renewal Minister confirmed that East Lake, between Kingston Foreshore and Fyshwick, is one of the eight areas earmarked for intense urban infill. We request an explanation about why the light industrial character of Fyshwick is being changed in the direction of more heavy industrial uses such as major waste/recycling facilities and heavy rail infrastructure more suited and allowable in IZ-1 General Industry locations. This is difficult to reconcile with the Government's plan to use the adjacent East Lake area (only 300-400 metres away in some parts) for intense urban infill. This proposed use for Fyshwick also appears to be inconsistent with the concentration of waste/resource management and recycling facilities in Hume.

Media reports last week noted that Fyshwick, a light industrial/mixed use precinct, currently hosts the second largest economy in the ACT, worth \$2.3 billion. Both inner south residents and the Fyshwick businesses with which we have consulted, are dismayed at what appears to be a conflict of objectives in the long term land use and transport planning for the East Lake to Fyshwick corridor. We call on the ACT Government to clarify its long term planning objectives for that corridor.

Yours sincerely,



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ISCCC SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO DA 201935337 FYSHWICK

Address: 15 Lithgow Street, Fyshwick

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Proposal: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT – RECYCLING FACILITY

Proposed works include concrete slab for the metal recovery system and two portable modular machines used for recycling recovery, 3m high perimeter fencing and associated works.

The Inner South Canberra Community Council has questions and concerns about the following matters in relation to this Development Application:

1. Proximity to local businesses and residential areas

The DA states that there are no residential areas within 800 metres of the site, presumably to demonstrate compliance with the ACT EPA's *Separation Distance Guidelines for Air Emissions 2018* which require a separation distance of 500 metres.

However, there are residences on Wiluna Street within 150 metres of the site, and Southside Village about 550m away on Canberra Avenue. Parts of the planned East Lake urban intensification area will be within a few hundred metres of the proposed facility. The 1 Dairy Road mixed-use precinct, which receives up to 10,000 visitors per week, is about 350 metres away. Harvey Norman, AllBids and other businesses are about 60 metres away.

2. Noise

The noise assessment provided by the proponent does not relate to the Fyshwick site but to a similar facility in Adelaide that is 1.35 km from the nearest residential area. The predicted noise levels are significantly higher than those permitted by regulations in the ACT. The proponent argues that the noise will be mitigated by a 3 metre high colourbond perimeter fence. However, parts of the outdoor machinery are almost 9 metres high, with hammermill and shredder processing cars operating up to 5 metres from ground level. So the claim that a 3 metre fence will mitigate the machinery noise is not credible. A new site-specific noise assessment is needed, including noise contours so that affected parties can determine how they might be impacted.

3. Air quality, pollution control and fire risk

It is not clear whether there are adequate controls to remove contaminants likely to pollute the air. For example, there is not information about what will happen to remnant waste from inside the car bodies. We understand that there have been eight fires at the Access Recycling site since 2014, including the latest on Australia Day eve 2019 that burnt many plastics and other polluting substances.

4. Zone objectives

There are specific objectives for the western part of Fyshwick concerning the processing of food and food related activities. Open air eating venues operate on Wiluna St, at the Dairy Road and at the Fyshwick Fresh Food Markets.

There is a need to better assess the potential health and other impacts of metal recycling facilities using heavy machinery in open air and generating significant noise and dust pollution near established food related businesses.

5. The Issue of Urban Infill

The ACT Government has highlighted East Lake as an area for high intensity urban development. Parts of the eastern edge of the new Eastlake precinct will be as close as 300-400m from the car processing open air operation. Such long-term land uses need to be taken into account before decisions are taken to lock in industrial uses that may have health and other impacts on those working and living in the vicinity.

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