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Dear Mr Duncan

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2020 regarding Petition 13-20, lodged by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA, regarding the high-volume waste processing sites in Canberra's inner south. My response to the petition is detailed below.

The ACT Government's position on this matter is clear. The ACT Government does not support these proposals and does not support the processing of red bin waste in Fyshwick.

To support the tri-partisan commitment made ahead of the ACT Election, the Government introduced the *Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2021* which was passed by the Assembly on 11 February 2021. The Bill introduces the concept of a *prohibited waste facility development application* and provides that the planning and land authority must not accept a *prohibited waste facility development application*. This gives effect to banning the establishment of new waste facilities in Fyshwick and also prevents an increase in the amount of waste handled at an existing facility.

Through the [Waste to Energy Policy 2020-25](#), the ACT Government has already put a moratorium on waste to energy in the ACT. This policy was a result of the Government consulting with the community and led to a ban on waste incineration.

The *ACT Waste Management Strategy 2011-2025* refers to the Hume Resource Recovery Estate and acknowledges that further development of the site, to co-locate resource recovery facilities would be beneficial. This is reiterated in the [Parliamentary and Governing Agreement for the 10th Legislative Assembly](#) whereby the Government will seek advice on the best way to facilitate the location of waste processing facilities in Hume.

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The ACT Government remains an active and engaged stakeholder in waste facility proposals and will ensure that key waste-related impacts and issues are addressed.

The ACT Government is undertaking a policy review, looking at planning and waste policy, to determine what types of waste facilities may be able to be established and operate in Fyshwick in the future.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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