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I am aware of the many environmental problems raised by the community, of having a waste materials recovery centre off Ipswich Street in Fyshwick. Some of those that were not covered in the EIS include the longer-term impact of the centre having to be expanded, for example to include energy capture through a waste incinerator.

A centre for handling waste materials is an integral part of a rapidly growing and changing industry. It should therefore be located where it is able to expand without causing serious environmental, social and economic impacts. This makes it absolutely incompatible with Fyshwick as an area near to residential suburbs, zoned for light industry and retail outlets.

The centre needs to be located where waste transfer can be handled as just one of several associated functions. China's recent decision to discontinue taking Australia's waste is having blowback effects that are not yet fully apparent. Due to added pressure on disposal sites, Woodlawn for example might cease to be available to Canberra.

These very real uncertainties facing the industry need to be taken into account in Canberra's materials recovery planning. The ACT Government therefore needs to maintain a high degree of flexibility in its plans for the commitment of physical facilities. An essential first step is to choose an unencumbered location for the first element of what is almost certain to become a larger rail-served complex.

