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Dear Brendan and Meredith

We are concerned that the Liberals or ACT Greens are potentially proposing to use legislation, possibly written by Brendan Smyth early in June 2008, which will allow via a "fast track" system to move the entire proposal (data warehouses and gas-fired power station) to a site in Industrial Hume. While this would, on first view have the appearance of achieving the exact word of the ACT Greens and Liberal parties' pre-election promises, it certainly does not fulfill the intent of protecting the community. In fact such a solution would for the community represent a somewhat vacuous and disingenuous solution to this complex problem.

We attach a copy of the map which was created using the proponents' data to show the particulate fall out which will be created by the gas-fired power station. Although this map is based on the gas-fired power station being located on Tuggeranong Block 1671, you will note moving it to any site within the Hume Industrial zone will not affect in any great way the particulate fall out. It will continue to settle across the proposed Tralee development, Fadden (over the primary school), Macarthur, Jerrabomberra and onwards. You will note too this map shows only the larger particulates (PM10), yet the smaller and more dangerous particulates (PM2.5) have not been covered within the EIS or the proponents' plume studies.

Members of our group have been asked by both Liberals and the ACT Greens to comment on how we intend to view the EIS due out on Monday. We believe being asked these questions also indicates the possible intention to use the results of the EIS to justify or manipulate such a "fast track" system. We will address the EIS when it is released. We remain firm however that the EIS is not and never has been, the sole arbitrator of whether a development should go ahead or not. The community remains clear that this development is flawed from many things including site selection, high level political interference, odd decisions by ACTPLA and the obvious immorality of allowing a private gas-fired power station to be built so close to residential homes. The

community filed over 600 submissions to ACTPLA addressing their concerns regarding this development and they remain unanswered.

This position has been accepted by both the ACT Greens and the Liberals who have come out clearly in support of the community, both stating they are in touch with and cognisant of the views, feelings and concerns of the community. This includes the siting of a private gas-fired power station so close to residential homes.

Whilst we value a solution which removes this development from this site, as per your pre-election promises, we do not consider it either practical or moral to "fast track" this entire development (importantly the gas-fired power station component) to a site which remains close enough to homes, work places and the residential health facility which, in the opinion of the community, will create a danger to the health and well being of the people who live and work nearby.

We would not accept any solution which seeks to "fast track" any survey or consideration into the siting of a gas-fired power station.

We will continue to advocate that the community has the right to be protected from potentially harmful developments such as gas-fired power stations and processes have been put in place in order to ensure the community is protected from such developments. Amongst these processes are the need to have full and independent site-specific environmental impact statements when developments of this kind are proposed. We feel it is important to state that we do not consider the current EIS, called for by Minister Barr in response to the ACTPLA evaluation of the PA and due to be filed in draft form on Monday 18 November, a full and independent EIS. It would certainly not qualify as such under the intent and meaning of the protections proposed by the Land and Planning Act 2008. We would expect and demand any proposal to build a gas-fired power station, on any site, industrial zoned or otherwise, to file a full and independent site-specific environmental impact statement which was consulted, discussed and responded to by the community.

We do not consider it appropriate or moral to suggest using legislation to "fast track" a development which includes a gas-fired

power station.

We would only consider such a “fast track” solution feasible or reasonable if it were to relate solely to the data warehouse component, which naturally fits into the intention and purpose of Industrial zoned land and does not offer any offence or anxiety to members of the public.

We would like an urgent reassurance from both the ACT Greens and the Liberals that it is not their intention to broker such an agreement with these proponents unless it involves the complete removal of the power station component. We would like this reassurance delivered in writing to us via email by 10am today 14 November 2008.

We will of course be passing your reply onto interested parties including the Tralee developers, the Canberra Airport, Jerrabomberra and of course the community and interested media. Whilst we accept your negotiations may be at a delicate stage, you will appreciate, with the draft EIS being supposedly delivered by Monday 18 November, we are concerned to have this specific issue addressed and clarified in as clear terms as possible before the community begins addressing the issues raised in the draft EIS.

We would like therefore a clear reply to our concern. Are you in the process of negotiating or considering a solution which involves "fast tracking" the proposal, including the gas-fired power station component, to a site in Industrial Hume?

We look forward to hearing from you by 12pm today.

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PM10 particulates pollution map taken from proponents' data

