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Minister Barr  
Minister for Planning  
Legislative Assembly

Dear Minister Barr

**Tuggeranong Power Station and Data Warehouses on Block 1610 – EIS**

Further to our recent letter regarding the use of the EIS by ActewAGL to file new information, we would be grateful if you would give urgent consideration to extending the time limit for community responses in this matter.

You have set a time limit of 20 days requesting that the community respond by 12 December 2008. This is unreasonable and unfair on the community.

The authors of this report have seen fit to combine all the previous documentation filed within the PA and DA. This has had the effect of creating an enormous document which takes a considerable time to download to a computer and is therefore prohibitive for those who do not have a computer or a small capacity home computer.

The document is for sale at \$35.00. This is a prohibitive amount for single parent families, and those with limited incomes. This immediately excludes large sections of society from commenting.

It is heavy, so those with physical disabilities or older citizens may have difficulty carrying this document out of the shop.

It is for sale in Belconnen, Woden and Civic. We could not locate a shop within Tuggeranong which sold this document. This excludes residents of Southern Canberra and makes it especially difficult for them to access this document.

This report contains entirely new reports filed by ActewAGL which have clearly been accepted by GHD and therefore lie unchallenged on file as fact. This creates an extra layer of consideration required by the community in dealing with and responding to this report.

It took GHD, and presumably a team experienced in compiling this report, 65 working days to compile this opinion. You have given the community a mere 20 days to consider and respond to this.

GHD have clearly approached this report with pre-conceptions and assumptions. Some of these come from their recommendations set out in their previous internal government report, the Hume Industrial Planning Study (HIPS). You will note for example on page 171 of Volume One of this draft "EIS", GHD have continued their HIPS recommendations by assuming that this development will eventually blend into

all the other industrial buildings they recommend be built around this site. Thus they conclude this mitigates the visual impact this development will bring.

Perversely they do not continue this line of reasoning when considering the potential fall in house prices for homes bordering this development. In considering this issue, they revert to considering this development in isolation, rather than as a precursor for the entire Broadacre being industrialised. Thus they conclude this mitigates the potential fall in the value of homes.

It would be pertinent and fair, therefore if the community were to be given a copy of the HIPS and given extra time to consider this draft "EIS" in the light of the recommendations made by GHD to you as Minister for Planning in 2007. It may assist the community to identify and make sense of these inconsistencies within GHD's reasoning.

We would therefore request that a date for community response to this report is extended until 18 January 2009. This is still considerably less than the 65 days it has taken to compile.

We also request that the government present some mechanism for distribution of this document and the HIPS study to all interested community members including those on low income, house bound, elderly or not living in Woden, Civic, or Belconnen and make a direct effort to include all community members in the opportunity to comment.

We look forward to receiving your response to this letter as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Reid', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Bill Reid  
President of CPR inc