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In response to the release of the "Draft EIS", Canberrans for Power station Relocation (CPR) Inc issues the following statements:

- 1) This Draft EIS says what we expected it to say. It is not independent. It does not acknowledge or address any of the 600+ community submissions. It does not add any new or relevant independent surveys apart from Heritage. It is written by GHD and continues their internal Government report which recommends the rezoning of all Broadacre in Tuggeranong to Industrial.
- 2) Despite Andrew Campbell's claims that this site was selected as being the best site in Canberra for data centres, this site was selected in July 2007 for a second power supply for Canberra, when Technical Real Estate did not exist as a company. They were formed in August 2007.
- 3) Technical Real Estate's attachment to this site is based on them not having to pay Industrial land rents as other data centres do.
- 4) The discussion around house prices falling is based on this one development. Should this development go ahead on Broadacre, as suggested in the GHD report, it will be the enabler to re-zoning all of the Broadacre in Tuggeranong to Industrial [p.171 Draft EIS Vol. 1] and will bypass the community consultation as another abuse of the process.
- 5) We remain grateful that we have the ACT Greens and Canberra Liberals in the Assembly to say this is not how we do business in Canberra. Let's put the project where it should have been all along, onto land which has already gone through the checks and consultations and is already defined as Industrial. This would put some credibility back into the Canberra planning process and uphold the Territory Plan.

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