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CPR Inc has taken the weekend to consider the news that Mr Stanhope has declared that he will move the gas-fired power station and data warehouses from Broadacre in Tuggeranong to Industrial in Hume. There are however many people expressing their shock and disappointment that yet again this decision has been taken without consultation with the community.

Had Mr Stanhope consulted with the people he is supposed to represent and not just pushed ahead with appealing an elite group of developers he would have been told:

- \* The community does not object to data warehouses being on Industrial land
- \* The community continues to object to a privately owned gas-fired power station being placed on any land in Canberra without having to go through independent, expert, thorough, site-specific environmental impact studies which have included meaningful consultation with the community
- \* There is no infrastructure on Broadacre Tuggeranong Site 1671 - why do these proponents need \$10 million compensation to move to a site that is actually closer to their pipeline?
- \* Will Mr Stanhope be offering \$10 million to every data warehouse development that creates a lower carbon foot print (such as Tretechnic in Mitchell, which does not require a gas-fired power station)?

This debacle was created when Mr Stanhope and his "special projects team" in the Chief Minister's Department decided to support this proposal. Throughout they have pushed, manipulated and misinformed the public whilst ignoring the reasonable views and wishes of the community.

This legislation which Mr Stanhope proposes to file on Thursday is offered as "an alternative". Yet it follows the same terrible path Mr Stanhope has pushed so far with a site selected in secret without consultation, high level political interference and the continued ignoring of the real issues - the community does not want a privately owned gas-fired power station close to residential homes - this includes the whole of Canberra and not just Isaacs, O'Malley, Farrer, Mawson, Red Hill, Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan.

The petition tabled in the Legislative Assembly totalled over 4,000 members of 90 suburbs of the community, calling for no power station near to residential suburbs.

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