

## **WORLD LEADING OPPORTUNITY**

CANBERRANS are lucky enough to have an opportunity to express views openly and as a member of the community, I appreciate this. This is why community concerns regarding the proposed Canberra Technology City (CTC) are very important to the CTC consortium. However, there are a number of myths about the proposed CTC that I would like to correct.

I'm personally excited about the prospects of the CTC development for Canberra. It will not only account for a significant contribution to the ACT's economy, but will bring more skilled workers to Canberra, providing employment opportunities during construction and operation. This investment will flow on to the community, businesses, tourism and housing.

The selection of the site is a result of independent assessments. The site doesn't need to be rezoned — it is classified as 'broadacre' and is suitable for communications facilities and major utility installations consistent with the CTC development.

Further, the gas-fired co-generators and their chimney stacks are 990 metres from the nearest residence, not 600 metres as has been misrepresented by several opponents. Strict noise pollution standards will be met and the consortium will take all necessary

steps to ensure noise levels remain under the allowable limits for residential areas, as specified in the Environmental Protection Regulation. Natural gas is cleaner than other sources of power generation and the consortium will ensure that emissions do not exceed the levels specified for the area. The use of new co-generation technology will see low emissions from the facility because of the very efficient use of energy and use of exhaust energy for absorption cooling. The consortium has taken into account the needs of horse owners and riders in the community by proposing to provide new horse yards, water troughs and redefined horse trails. We are strongly committed to this project proceeding on this site. I can guarantee, however, that we will do "whatever it takes" to make sure that it is not noisy, it does not pollute the environment, it is not an eyesore, and people have a reasonable chance to learn more about it and express their views. Our team looks forward to seeing you at the community information day on Saturday, May 17 from 10am to 3pm at the Town Centre Sports Club (Vikings Club), Corner Rowland Rees Crescent and Athlon Drive, Greenway.

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