



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

Inquiry into proposed energy from waste facilities

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on proposed energy from waste facilities, and in particular:
 - (a) the performance of the technologies proposed for the Tarago and Parkes Energy Recovery Facilities as compared to leading thermal technologies employed in "state of the art" facilities internationally, noting such technologies as proposed are not employed anywhere else on the Eastern seaboard
 - (b) the spread of the emissions predicted and the quality of emissions to be generated
 - (c) health impacts from currently operating older technology waste incinerators as compared to the proposed newer technology
 - (d) impacts on human health including on regional town drinking water, rainwater harvesting and soil contamination
 - (e) the impact on agriculture locally and across the wider region
 - (f) alterations to the Parkes Special Activation Precinct specifically in relation to the proposed Energy Recovery Facility in that region
 - (g) impacts of waste-dumping over a number of decades in the Tarago region
 - (h) the methodology of emission monitoring employed by leading large scale waste-to-energy facilities in Australia and across the world
 - (i) alternative solutions to reduce and manage residual waste produced by Greater Sydney, and
 - (j) any other related matter.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 6 August 2025.¹

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 6 August 2025, item 48.

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