INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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Addressing the Terms of Reference number 1 "the capacity (considering issues of location, scale, technology and environmental health) to address the ongoing disposal needs for commercial, industrial, household and hazardous waste.

While generating energy from waste is the holy grail of waste reduction the recent application for a waste generator at Badgerys creek has highlighted the need to locate these facilities in appropriate locations, such as away from water catchment and residential area.

The Badgerys Creek facilities also highlighted the problem with post combustion materials and their release into the surrounding environment, and particularly the capacity to destroy hazardous elements in the combustion process.

I ask that until the industry can actually show an ability to contain and manage the post combustion exhaust, that the Parliament be very careful and slow to act in the roll out of any "waste to energy" facilities in the State.

I ask that any legislation that may flow from this enquiry, require the location of any future "waste to energy" facilities be in already degraded area.

Thank you for your time.