

INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I object to the Waste to Energy Incinerator proposed for Eastern Creek, NSW.

The technology proposed is being phased out across Europe & USA and Japan. European countries were initially paid incentives to build these facilities in the past and are now regretting it. The number of accidents that have occurred from these incinerators is obscene. Not to mention Australia does not have a nationally recognised standard to measure these toxins against. The company isn't even being required to work under World's Best Practice.

The St Mary's Air Pollution Station often registers excess levels of pollution for our area which can cause health issues, so anything in addition to this will just make it worse. The company behind this has already proven time and time again that they don't care about breaching rules & regulations imposed on their waste companies as they are continuously fined for this. The \$15,000 fines are just a drop in the ocean for the company compared to the millions they make from their facilities.

The EPA, Western Area Health, Blacktown Council, Penrith Council and over 1,000 residents have already objected via formal methods to the State government. What will it take for the government to understand that it is not wanted in our area? Or any other residential area for that matter!

The Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham is the only politician standing up for us and has motioned for a Bill be passed in Parliament to stop any type of incinerator being built within 15km of any residential area.

I live less than 3kms as the crow flies from the facility and do not want my family breathing in invisible toxins. One of the company's own representatives stated at the Erksine Park forum that the facility would only increase the risk of cancer by 1 in 100,000 people. Mightn't seem like much to them but that's 1 life too many for my liking. Can you really put a price on life? No, definitely not.

With the plan to expand the Western Sydney Employment Sector, increased industrial buildings, plan to build the "Science Park" at Luddeham worth millions of dollars, not to mention the plan to Western Sydney Airport - is this really the best place for such a facility? No, no it's not.

Don't approve this please.