

INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I would like to submit my objection to the waste to energy plan for eastern creek in NSW. In completing my research on Incinerators in the Sydney Metropolitan area, there has been a policy of closing all incinerators within close distance to residential areas, especially in a growth hub such as Blacktown and western Sydney over the past 100 years.

I am the owner of _____ (100s of metres away) and whilst I don't live on the premises, my tenant has complained to me of the foul smell that the current "Dial a Dump Industries" waste facility emits generally with the smell lingering and forcing them to stay indoors at night. He is a removalist and the incinerator concerns are causing much anxiety to the locals and he continues to see an exodus from the suburb of families concerned with the current and future prospect of an incinerator and the air pollution it will cause. In this day in age, how can the government or committee consider this proposal in its current location.

I agree with the Greens position of locating such incinerators outside a radius of 15km from residents to ensure there are no flow on health impacts. I see the risk here similar to the Hardies asbestos situations in the 1960s, 70s and when this impacts people's health in later life, it will be too late that compensation claims against the host or government for allowing such a facility in the middle of residential areas would be substantial.

I understand such facilities are required but they should be positioned well outside of the Sydney metro area and surrounded by bush or farm lands where the impact is minimal.

Also, as it is privately owned, and with _____, this is just moving the problem west on the lower social economic western Sydney sides, who will bear the brunt of dealing with the inner city waste. There is also no guarantees that asbestos won't be incorrectly burnt in this facility with incorrect waste sorting, with employees being blamed for mistakes but the impact is on families who live close by.

This will also have a drastic effect on future investment in the area, such as growing residential development in surrounding spaces near the facility. Impacts also to increased health issues of western Sydney, the workers in the area. The fact that pollution could travel to other council areas such as Parramatta, Blue Mountains and Penrith and serious impact millions of people for as long as the incinerator survives.

I am totally against this proposal and it should be ceased as an option in this location. All other worldwide incinerators are not of this size, and reports of health concerns to families living close by to incinerators in the USA for example point at impacts to the health of residents nearby.

Also, as this is privately owned, there is no closure date on this facility and for the government to ever buy this back, will have a ridiculous asking price