

**Submission  
No 178**

## **INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY**

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I am submitting this submission as a concerned resident of over 20 years living in this suburb. My home is located within a 2- 3 kilometre radius of the proposed incinerator at Eastern Creek. We have over and over again been advised by successive governments and local councils that if the residents don't want a particular development to go ahead, then they will listen to the people. So why is it that when we discuss this issue around people in Erskine Park, the overwhelming response is that no one wants the incinerator to go ahead. Why isn't the government listening to the people of western Sydney, for a variety of reasons I suspect. We are over 5-6 kilometres away from the Eastern Creek Waste facility and are told regularly that we should not smell anything from the facility. Sorry but whenever there is an inversion we are inundated by the smell of recycling matter, which is to say pungent at best. However we are constantly told that there is no smell or that it shouldn't be an issue. Asbestos wasn't an issue 40 years ago when it was first introduced into the building and automotive industries.....sorry who do we believe. Surely there is a better location for this incinerator away from housing and industrial locations than Eastern Creek. Yes sure there will be an increased cost to transport but how do you put a price on peoples health.

Please make the right decision and listen to the concerned residents of these suburbs....we have had enough of governments, who might care to remember are our elected representatives, not listening to the people especially it would appear those people who live in western Sydney. We don't want the incinerator and I am sure that were this proposal to be suggested for the Northern Beaches or the eastern Suburbs then it would never get off the ground. We vote, we pay our taxes and we live in a great place in Sydney, where we chose to live to bring up our kids in a semi rural environment, don't take that away from us. Listen for a change to the people not big business. Thank you letting me have my say. I look forward to seeing where the proposal to build this 'worlds largest incinerator' in Eastern Creek was deemed to be inappropriate and was stopped. That would be a positive outcome.

Brian Graham