

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I am strongly opposed to this development as there is a large number of families living in the immediate area of the proposed development site. When the waste plant was initially opened, the residents of the area were all assured that this would be a zero impact waste facility and would not impact on the nearby residents the way the Eastern Creek waste management site does with frequent obnoxious odour that often require residents to remain indoors.

Now we are being asked to accept an application which goes against all of the statements from the initial plant in that there WILL now be an impact to the local residents in the form of smoke, chemical discharge and toxins released into the air. While there is some limited data related to other similar plants in residential areas, it is my understanding that this will be the biggest plant in the world. That coupled with being the first plant of its kind in the area poses a serious risk to the thousands of families living in the immediate vicinity. There are schools, daycare's, playgrounds, shopping centres that will be constantly at risk of being coated in toxins that may be released from whatever is being incinerated at the time. While there may be educated guesses as to what levels may be discharged, there is no reliable information on what will be burnt and therefore no reliable discharge information.

In addition the land values in the immediate area will be negatively affected as no one will want to purchase a home within visual distance of two large discharge stacks from a waste incinerator, let alone smell the discharge in their everyday life.

It has been shown in past industrial developments that even the slightest exposure to toxins over time can have an impact on the community and our children are the ones at the most risk. The submission may claim to have all the checks and balances required to make it as "safe" as possible there is still an undeniable risk that our children and families from the greater west will be at risk

I urge the government to reject this submission and prevent the construction of the incinerator. I will not be the icon of environmental advancement that the developers are claiming it to be. Instead it will quickly become a blemish on the area and a constant threat to the future of our families and neighborhoods