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INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I oppose the building of the incinerator in Western Sydney, based on the following grounds:

- 1) By building the world's largest incinerator, we are telling people, it's okay to mass pollute, mass consume and be massively reckless with our waste.
- 2) The real solution to the problem of pollution should be the encouragement and reward for waste reduction and recycling. Households that generate the least amount of waste should be rewarded (with reduced rates for example). That way, people will have an incentive to reduce their waste.
- 3) The smoke that will be emitted from the incinerator will include acid gases nitrogen oxide, heavy metals and particulates and dioxin which is known to be a carcinogen. Why is it okay for the people of western Sydney to breathe cancerous air while the people of North Sydney breathe fresh air?
- 4) By building an incinerator in Eastern creek, it will impact the real estate market in the following areas:
 - a) Eastern creek
 - b) Erskine park
 - c) Rooty Hill
 - d) Bungarabee
 - e) Horsley parkIf we value the real estate market, we should not make it the official and permanent dumping ground for Sydney.
- 5) Having regard for the fact that air quality is already poor in Eastern Creek, I ask you, why are we making it worse?
- 6) If the Liberal government will not build an incinerator in North Sydney, then I ask you, why build it in Eastern Creek? Are we less valuable as communities, families, and human beings? is our home, for which we worked a lifetime less valuable than your homes just because ours is in Western Sydney?
- 7) If an incinerator needs to be built and there is no other option available, then I have no objection to the building of this facility however, I object to the facility being built in Eastern Creek – or any part of Australia that is regarded as a mid-to-high density city.
- 8) The message should be “reduce, reuse and recycle”- and NOT “INCINERATE”.