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## INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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The waste-to-energy power plant proposes for Western Sydney must not go ahead.

The people of Western Sydney are imploring you to stop the construction of the waste-to-energy power plant proposed for Eastern Creek. We are proud to be living in a spectacularly rich and diverse city, however this is at risk.

This power plant will place the 479,566 (2011 census) residents who live in the Blacktown and Penrith principalities at major health risk. The health issues we are facing doesn't include mild coughs and blocked sinus', they are serious health pathologies such as asthma and cancers. Can you imagine trying to comfort your child as they are gasping for air? Or can you imagine sitting with your dying loved one - a partner or parent perhaps, pale and gaunt, also struggling for air as the cancer they are dying of slowly squeezes the life out of their frail bodies? All which could have been prevented if you didn't live within 50km of that incinerator.

There is not only a devastating health risk associated with this construction, it will also have a catastrophic effect on both personal and state finances. On a personal level, these health problems will impact the ability of affected individuals to work and provide for their households. These individuals are unable to work, and therefore unable to pay taxes which will definitely be required to support a state health service that will struggle to accommodate the epidemic of disease this incinerator will cause.

The CEO and executives should ask themselves if they would live next to this disease-causing powerhouse? Or to speak a language they'll understand, consider the mass class action likely to ensue from this project.

There is plenty of other barren locations across this great land to build an incinerator, why this heavily populated location? People's lives and livelihoods shouldn't be put at risk.