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INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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I would like to oppose an energy-from-waste incinerator proposed to be built at Eastern Creek. The most distressing outcome of this incinerator will be to our health - many people will be subjected to vile odours and air pollution. It has been proven from studies around the world that the toxic chemicals emitted from such incinerators can lead to many horrible health issues, most distressingly cancer. Australia already has one of the highest incidences of asthma in the world - surely an incinerator on our doorstep will only exacerbate the medical conditions of our local communities.

Also, incinerators undermine the recycling and reuse sector as they compete for the same resources. I feel that our councils should be spending more time and money on helping residents to recycle and use their own composting. Incinerator projects would take scarce renewable energy subsidies from cleaner, more reliable and sustainable renewable energy technologies. These incinerators would create fewer jobs, when we should be creating jobs for our future in renewable energy technologies.