

Submission
No 346

INQUIRY INTO 'ENERGY FROM WASTE' TECHNOLOGY

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To the NSW Government,

I am lodging this submission in order to raise my concerns with the incinerator that is proposed to be built at Eastern Creek in Greater Western Sydney.

As a resident of this area I would be directly affected by the exhaust that would be created as a by-product of this process. This concerns me greatly as I read (from a page on Facebook), that 2 in every 100,000 people per year will gain health problems which could result in death.

Another article (found at <https://www.greenleft.org.au/content/residents-oppose-waste-energy-incinerator-western-sydney>), indicated that the area surrounding an overseas incinerator, was classed as one of Europe's greatest cancer clusters.

The same article also mentions that one of the by-products produced by the incineration of waste is Dioxin. Many websites claim that Dioxins are highly toxic and can cause reproductive and developmental problems, damage the immune system, interfere with hormones and also cause cancer.

Sydney's road infrastructure is already taking a beating due to the influx of people taking up residence in Sydney's ever expanding housing market. The road works being completed currently, I believe, will not suitably handle the excess of vehicles that are set to flood the roads of Sydney in the very near future. Your proposal will only add more vehicles to the congestion thus causing further havoc on the roads.

In Sydney's west we enjoy cleaner air than that of the city due to the fact that there is less commercial/industrial pollution caused by industry. We should be fighting to keep the environment clear of hazardous pollutants such as the ones that would be produced by the proposed incinerator. On a further note, the smells already being produced by the current waste management facilities, are offensive enough to the nose without adding more.

I understand that there is a need to address the waste issues of the Sydney basin however I do not think that the proposed incinerator is the way to deal with this issue. Further research should be invested in to find a better cleaner method of dealing with waste issues. Also a more suitable location should be chosen, one that is well clear of the general population.

To summarise, I am wholeheartedly opposed to the creation of an incinerator at Eastern Creek, and I am offended that this area would even be considered for such an undertaking.