

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Mrs Maria Harrison

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Submission – Objection to Proposed Parkes Waste to Energy Facility

From: Maria Harrison

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Maria Harrison, I am 70 years old, and I have proudly called Peak Hill home since 1991, when my husband and I moved here from Sydney to give our two children a better life. After completing their education locally, my daughter became an accountant and my son a diesel mechanic working in the mines.

Inspired by the community spirit here, I later trained and worked as a nurse, giving back to the region that welcomed us so warmly. Over the years, I have been deeply involved in community life – running the local pony club, assisting with the school P&C, and actively contributing to the Peak Hill Arts and Crafts Centre, where I teach painting and card-making. I also serve on the Peak Hill Can-Assist committee, supporting locals undergoing cancer treatment, and I am a proud member of the Parkes Choir.

My two grandchildren are currently being educated in Parkes, with one working part-time at _____ while completing a university degree. We are a family rooted in this region, surrounded by friends who are farmers and small business owners.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Waste to Energy facility in Parkes. My greatest concern is the potential health impact on our community—especially on the elderly, children, and those already facing health challenges. The risks associated with air pollution, toxic emissions, and environmental degradation are too great to ignore.

Please consider the long-term health and wellbeing of our residents over short-term industrial gain.

Sincerely,

Maria Harrison

Peak Hill Resident