

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission Against the Proposed Parkes Waste Incinerator

My name is Lisa Dodgson. I live in Parkes with my husband and our two young boys. One of our children currently attends _____, which is in the direction of the proposed waste incinerator site, and our second child is due to start school in 2028.

We are a young family in our mid-30s. My husband has lived in Parkes since beginning his apprenticeship, and I was born and raised here. We love this town and have chosen to build our life here—not just for the lifestyle, but because we believed it was a safe, healthy place to raise a family and run a small business. We own and operate a local auto electrician and air conditioning business, and like many small business owners in Parkes, we rely on a strong, stable local community.

We are extremely concerned about the serious health risks this incinerator poses—especially for children, schools, and families. The thought of our children breathing in toxic emissions or being exposed to pollutants from waste burning is simply unacceptable. If the facility goes ahead, we would be forced to reconsider our future here, as would many other young families we know.

This is not just about one project. It's about the long-term health and sustainability of Parkes. Once the air, soil, and water are compromised, there's no going back. I urge the decision-makers to put the health of our children and the future of our community first and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dodgson

Parkes Resident, Mother & Local Business Owner