

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

**Name:** Mr Mathew Dodgson

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## **Submission Against the Proposed Parkes Waste Incinerator**

My name is Mathew Dodgson. I live in Parkes with my wife and our two young boys. One of our children currently attends \_\_\_\_\_ School, which is located in the direction of the proposed waste incinerator site. Our second child is due to start school in 2028.

I have lived in Parkes since beginning my apprenticeship and have built both my life and career here. My wife is born and bred in Parkes. Together, we run our own local business, providing auto electrical and air conditioning services to the community. Like many small businesses in the area, we rely on a healthy, thriving town and strong community support.

We are deeply concerned about the serious and long-term health risks associated with the incinerator—particularly for young children and school communities. The idea of our children and others in Parkes being exposed to toxic air pollutants is extremely distressing. Families like ours have chosen to live here for the clean environment and safe lifestyle. If this facility goes ahead, we will seriously have to reconsider our future in Parkes.

This is about more than just one development—it's about protecting the health, safety, and future of our families and our town. Once our air and environment are compromised, the damage is irreversible. I urge the relevant authorities to prioritise the wellbeing of residents over profit and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

**Mathew Dodgson**

Parkes Resident, Father & Local Business Owner