

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission: Opposition to Waste Incinerator in Parkes – Rhiannon Guess

My name is Rhiannon Guess, and I am a lifelong resident of Parkes, proudly representing at least three generations of my family who have called this town home. As a local primary school teacher and a single parent to three wonderful sons, I have deep roots in this community. My children are actively involved in a range of local activities, and one of my sons currently attends and with another starting next year the located in close proximity to the proposed waste incinerator site.

I am writing to express my strong opposition and deep concern regarding the proposed waste incinerator development in Parkes. This facility poses serious risks to the health of my family, particularly given that every member of our household suffers from asthma. Exposure to emissions and fine particulates from incineration could significantly worsen our respiratory conditions, as well as impact the broader community's health.

As a teacher, I worry about the long-term impact this facility could have on local schools, both in terms of student health and community perception. No parent should have to choose between quality education and clean air for their children.

Furthermore, the construction of such an industrial site raises red flags about potential job losses in tourism, agriculture, and small business – the pillars of our local economy. It also threatens to decrease land and property values in nearby areas, adding financial strain to families like mine.

Parkes deserves sustainable, forward-thinking solutions – not a project that compromises our health, our livelihoods, and our future.

Sincerely,

Rhiannon Guess

Parkes Resident, Mother, Teacher