

Submission
No 86

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Miss Elise Amery

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Submission Against Proposed Waste Incinerator – Elise Amery, Parkes Resident

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Elise Amery. I am a 39-year-old mother of four children aged between 6 and 13, all of whom currently attend . This school is in extremely close proximity to the site of the proposed waste incinerator, and I am deeply concerned for the wellbeing of not only my children but the entire school community and broader township.

Having grown up on a farm, I have always appreciated the key benefits of living in the country – clean air, open space, and freedom from the industrial pollution often found in larger cities. One of the major reasons I chose to raise my family here in Parkes was precisely because of those benefits. The introduction of a waste incinerator into our town would undermine that lifestyle entirely.

If the incinerator goes ahead, I will likely have no choice but to relocate. I will not put my children or myself at risk of long-term health impacts from airborne pollutants. This is not a decision I would take lightly. I work in Parkes as a counsellor and provide vital support to many individuals in our community struggling with mental health issues. If I leave, my services will no longer be available in a town already facing a serious shortage of mental health support.

I also know of others – similarly integral to our community – who have expressed they would leave if the incinerator proceeds. These are people who help maintain the balance in our town, which already faces significant challenges including crime and drug use.

We were not consulted or given the power to vote on this decision, yet it will directly affect every aspect of our lives. Please take our concerns seriously. We deserve a say in what happens to our town.

Sincerely,

Elise Amery

Parkes Resident, Mother of Four, Counsellor