

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

Name: Mr Warwick Robinson

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Submission – Objection to the Parkes Waste Incinerator Proposal

To whom it may concern,

My name is Warwick Robinson. I am 61 years old and have lived around the Central West for the past 20 years. I settled in Parkes 7 years ago. My family and I moved to the Central West seeking a better lifestyle and the benefits of a clean, rural environment. It's a decision we've never regretted until now.

Although two of my children have since relocated one to the Hunter Valley and another to the USA for work my eldest son and his wife still call Parkes home. They are raising their two young daughters here, aged 11 and 8, who both attend

I am deeply concerned about the long-term health impacts this incinerator could have not only on me, but more importantly on my son, his wife, and my granddaughters. Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution and toxic emissions, and the thought of them being exposed to that risk is extremely distressing.

If this project proceeds, I believe many families including my son's and my own will be forced to seriously consider leaving Parkes. Who will compensate us if our property values drop or if our health suffers?

No matter how this facility is presented to the public, the reality is this: if it's so safe, why not build it in the Sydney basin where the majority of the waste is generated? Why send it out here, hundreds of kilometres away, to a rural community?

Right now, it feels as though the health and wellbeing of Parkes residents is being treated as less important than that of people in Sydney. Why is that?

I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal in the interest of fairness, public health, and the future of our regional communities.

Sincerely,

Warwick Robinson

Parkes, NSW