

Submission
No 359

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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NO TARAGO TOXIC WASTE INCINERATOR !

Please see below my submission opposing the proposed Toxic Waste Incinerator at Tarago.

I am a wife, mother, grandparent, and working member of the Goulburn community and I live on property 16km out of the city Centre of Goulburn. I am deeply concerned about the air pollutants, fallout & ground pollutants that will affect our environment, our health , our communities and our children's wellbeing.

I have grandchildren who frequently visit my property and I hold deep concern for how this will affect their health AND the health of any other visitors to our region where pollutants are being pumped into the air. People visit our region because they want to get away from the pollutants of city life.

I have grazing stock that will be impacted by the air pollutants emitted by this incinerator, when we are in an area that frequently experiences high winds. When these winds change direction , the pollutants produced by this incinerator will spread for kilometres and adversely affect people, homes, land, waterways and animals.

Recently we have discovered the sensitive BioDiversity our property and the amount of native vegetation on it- we live opposite the Wollondilly River , which feeds back into the outskirting regions of Sydney and the Sydney water supply. We are always ensuring that nothing detrimental is allowed to enter into the river , as we do not wish to impact the sensitive nature of our beautiful , natural environment.

An incinerator would not only be affecting the immediate environment, but those areas beyond our location, where waterways continue back into the outskirts of Sydney.

Veolia has already admitted that the incinerator will exceed the safety limits for NSW Government safety standards for air emissions. Air emissions carry particles that affect the water as they make their way from sky to land and water.

[NSW Department of Planning \(Woodlawn ARC\); Veolia Woodlawn ARC website; Tarago Community communications with Veolia, 2022.](#)

Surely this in itself is a huge alarm bell for the health and wellbeing of all people and communities !

Hazardous waste will be stored in the ground near Tarago, risking contamination of the groundwater supplies of our region, and further into the Sydney region,

If local & NSW Government allow this – how is it permissible for Government to break it's own laws ?

Since the ACT Waste-to-Energy Policy 2020-25 has been put in place, the ACT Government has banned these incinerators for health and environmental

reasons. It is not safe for anyone, in any region, to be succumbed to this kind of toxic waste pollution.

In a Journal of Public Health publication , “The health impacts of waste incineration: a systematic review”, (Tait et al. Australian & NZ Journal of Public Health, 2020) , it addresses the alarming facts of toxic air emissions from incinerators. . The ash can contaminate our local food & waterways, dams and water reservoirs. Toxins including Mercury, Lead, Dioxins, Furans , PFAS (or “forever chemicals” which do not break down easily and can persist in the environment and the human body) & other accumulative, damaging elements.

Please re-consider the implications of this proposal and have a change of heart & mind.

The Goulburn region , nor any other region, should not ever have to bear the weight & consequences of a pollution causing incinerator.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

NB: Name & address to be withheld from publication thank you .