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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE (EfW) FACILITY IN PARKES NSW.

We are writing to share our concerns and express strong opposition to the proposed EfW facility in Parkes NSW. We are not local residents of Parkes NSW, but do spend a significant amount of time in the area visiting our sister and her family.

We are agricultural landowners in regional NSW, and understand the implications of pollutants, food safety and the risk of tarnishing Australia's reputation within global trade markets. Parkes is widely known as a productive agricultural region, producing food for human consumption by means of grain, pulses, legumes, oilseeds and lamb, beef, pork and poultry. These products are marketed both locally and internationally, posing risk to consumers at large. The EfW facility proposes a huge economic threat to the agricultural business that our brother-in-law and sister live and work in. Their livelihoods depend on being able to produce safe, quality commodities for domestic and international consumption.

The element of the unknown is what we find really worrying. It is evident that the EPA cannot produce conclusive evidence as to the current levels of furans, dioxins, heavy metals and 'forever chemicals'. Which means, there will be no accurate data to compare to in the future. Adverse effects on human health, the environment and soil and water mediums are seen as nothing more than collateral damage. It feels as though the Parkes community is being treated as expendable or secondary to metropolitan areas.

The potential risk of contamination includes air quality and water quality. Our family in Parkes relies on rainwater as their sole source of water for drinking, cooking and bathing. This means that our sister, brother-in-law and their two small children will need to directly consume the dioxins, furans, microplastics and toxic ash emitted from the EfW facility. Exposure of such chemicals has direct links to health conditions like cancer, reproductive issues, immune system damage, and hormone disruption. Evidence confirms that conditions such as these may take years, even multi generations to be detectable.

Furthermore, the location of the Special Activation Precinct is only        from        . The presence of an incinerator so near a school is not just irresponsible; it is a direct threat to the wellbeing of our two nephews and all of the children at the school. It is incredibly unfair and unjust to expose 350+ students to pollution of any kind, let alone for 30+ hours every week.

We are confused as to why such a facility is proposed to be established in a prime agricultural area in regional NSW, with the need to pay the cost to transport waste 400km, when an EfW facility could be built closer to Sydney to process Sydney's waste far from prime agricultural land where food is produced.

We oppose this proposal and request that an alternative be investigated in order to protect the wellbeing of the Parkes region and its residents. The health and longevity of residents, businesses and the environment depend on this project being rejected.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Peacey, Amy Peacey & family.