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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To whom it may concern,

In 2022 my husband I purchased a wonderful 3200sqm block of land in Parkes with the intention of building a beautiful home & having a tree change. It has been a dream of ours for quite some time. We are from western Sydney but we have spent a reasonable amount of time in the Parkes area & we love it! My husband is a Wiradjuri aboriginal & he feels a particular closeness to the area. We also have 2 adult daughters with their own skillset.

I myself am a healthcare worker with a lot of experience, which I am very keen to bring to the area. One of our daughters is a registered nurse & the other is a fitness instructor & personal trainer. She intends to become a physiotherapist in the future. My husband is a hardware engineer & he has extensive experience in this field. All of us could bring our skills to Parkes & do good for the community.

We were just about ready to commence our build when we found out about this facility. We were absolutely devastated! **What I find so offensive is that this facility is intended to deal with the waste from Sydney because Sydney doesn't want it!!!! Both Eastern Creek & Matraville were successful in their fight against this as you would know. If it's not good enough for Sydney, why is it suddenly good enough for Parkes & other regional areas?**

I completely understand that waste needs to be dealt with but there are other ways to do this that do not impact on the health & wellbeing of humans, animals & the land. For starters – if every shire had the 3 bin system & there was good advertising on how to use that correctly, surely the waste would be reduced! After a bit of investigating, I was shocked to find that there are quite a few councils that don't have a green bin. I find this absolutely ridiculous! Parkes itself has only recently introduced a green bin...

Many of these facilities that are in operation have already had poor effects on the health of people, animals & the quality of land – land where food is grown! My husband & I intended on growing a lot of our own produce, but we now cannot do that as our land is way to close to the proposed facility. Growing our own produce was one of the biggest reasons for our intended move. Needless to say, we have had to put that move on hold because we are totally unwilling to risk our health, our future & our finances. Our block of land has already decreased in value due to this proposal.

I keep reading about “minimal emissions” & similar terminologies – but let's get real – these small amounts build up over time & make people sick, which is just frightening. This has already happened in other parts of Australia & around the globe. **It's simply not OK to put this kind of risk into the world!**

The effect on my mental health has been significant. All I want to do is move to beautiful Parkes & start a new chapter in my life. I used to get so excited when someone said “Parkes”, but now I just feel frustration & stress.

These facilities need to be banned worldwide & not chosen to be put into areas where the Government think people won't complain or be educated enough to understand the real problems. It might all sound very nice, but it's just a smokescreen to take the easy way out.

Nobody needs these incinerators & I strongly oppose this!

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