

**Submission
No 587**

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

Name: Ms Erica Green
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I am writing to formally oppose the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility at the Parkes Special Activation Precinct. The incinerator proposal poses an unacceptable risk to our environment, our people and the economic sustainability of the Parkes region.

I am a fifth-generation member of a local farming family that has lived and worked in the Parkes area for well over a century. We produce wool, beef, mutton and grain. For our livelihoods and for the broader agricultural economy, it is essential that the local environment remains clean, green and free from contaminants that could compromise food and fibre safety or threaten market access. For families like ours, farming is not just a livelihood, it is a legacy. We wish to continue to farm without the looming threat

of the proposed incinerator jeopardising our future.

Despite claims of modern technology, EfW facilities are known to release harmful pollutants, including dioxins, heavy metals, PFAS, and ultrafine particulate matter. These substances can enter the air, water, and soil, impacting human health, animal health and the broader ecosystem. Scientific research links these emissions to cancer, reproductive harm and developmental issues. The people of Parkes, particularly children, the elderly and those with existing health vulnerabilities, should not be exposed to such avoidable and serious risks.

It is deeply unjust that regional communities like Parkes are being used as testing grounds for developments that would never be approved in metropolitan areas. To date, we are very disappointed the proposal has lacked transparency and genuine consultation with residents, local business, farmers, Wiradjuri Elders and local stakeholders. Decisions that affect our health, economy and future must not be

made without our informed consent. I urge decision-makers to listen to the overwhelming opposition of the local people and take all necessary

action to halt further progression of the Parkes EfW facility and ultimately see the project never built in Parkes. Our region deserves to remain clean, green and healthy. We did not ask for incineration.

Please confirm receipt of this objection and ensure it is formally recorded as part of the evidence of our community's opposition to the proposal.

Sincerely,

Erica Green