

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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My name is Mrs Alison Magill, I am a local resident of the Parkes Shire. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Energy from Waste (EfW) incinerator. My family and I are primary producers, running a family farm which has been built through generations of sacrifice, hard work and dedication. This proposal is deeply concerning, with potential to permanently damage the health of our community, the future of our farm and the broader agricultural sector.

Term of Reference: (d) impacts on human health including on regional town drinking water, rainwater harvesting and soil contamination

As a breast cancer survivor, having endured a long battle with my health, I fear the impact of this proposal on my health and the health of others. These toxic emissions produced by these facilities are linked with cancer and other health issues that have lifelong impacts. We should not be made to be exposed to these pollutants. I fear for the wellbeing of our future generations and children - innocent children who have no say in this matter. Their health should not be compromised to burn Sydney's waste. These children have a life ahead, and they deserve clean water, unpolluted air and a safe place to grow up. Our government should seek to protect us, not harm us.

Term of Reference: (e) the impact on agriculture locally and across the wider region

The Central West is a key contributor to the agricultural sector of New South Wales. The area, producing various grains and livestock to ensure Australian's are able to access high-quality and safe food. The Manildra Flour Mills is one of Australia's largest producers of flour, which depends on the production of clean crops from the Parkes region. This will limit the supply of flour around Australia for local bakeries, grocery stores and various other outlets. The toxic pollutants produced by this incinerator will heavily impact the soil and water due to contamination from Sydney's waste - therefore threatening the security of foods being produced. This incinerator is a reckless proposal damaging a huge industry and vital one to produce fresh and high quality food. This proposal is incredibly unsettling. Our family fears the impact this will have on our farm. We have great pride in our region, however this project continues to threaten our community. It is unfair and thoughtless to threaten our lives with Sydney's waste. Who would want to destroy Australia's great agricultural industry. The very one that feeds our nation, for the sake of an incinerator? Do we really want to rely on imported food and lose access to our own fresh and clean produce? This is not our waste. It is Sydney's waste. If it's not safe or suitable for Sydney, then it's not right for us either.

I implore the committee to reject the Parkes Energy from Waste incinerator in the interests of our health, the environment and the agricultural sector. We deserve a safe and clean future. Stand with the people of Parkes and protect what matters.

Regards,
Alison Magill