

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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The town of TARAGO is about seventy kilometers away from the Capital city of Australia, Canberra, yet TARAGO has no town water or town sewer system. So, we harvest rainwater from our roofs and into water tanks for drinking, washing and to water our vegetable gardens and fruit trees. Veolia's Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities project at the WOODLAWN site is approximately ten kilometers from TARAGO as the crow flies. (Or as the toxic smoke flies). Veolia is proposing to burn millions of tons of plastic only kilometers from our houses depositing toxic dust and fly ash on our roofs contaminating our drinking water. Veolia started transporting garbage to TARAGO almost twenty years ago, Veolia promised there would be no smell and no garbage trucks driving through the township of TARAGO, but we have endured twenty years of disgusting, repugnant odours and the cover up by Veolia. They have been less than honest about the terrible smells and refuse to admit the problem blaming the community for the problem. Also promising there would never be stinking trucks passing the township, we regularly get fifty trucks a day driving through town. These trucks passing through town often above the speed limit while we have no foot paths on the south end of town. There is nowhere for children to walk except on the road with massive stinking trucks flying past, it is only a matter of time till there is a fatality. So, Veolia cannot be trusted and lie on every front. TARAGO has always been a sleepy little village in beautiful bush surroundings, recent studies of the water ways have found environmental pollution of our rivers with heavy metals. Elevated salinity, nutrients, total dissolved solids and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The EPA has recommended that these rivers and dams should not be used for drinking, cooking or personal hygiene. Therefore, Veolia has made our town stink like the bottom of a skip bin for the last twenty, there is garbage and plastic flying off the top trucks all strewn along the roadways. They are now making our town look like a garbage tip. They are contaminating our rivers. This proposal will poison our roofs, our tank water and our children. Which will result in TARAGO turning into a cancer cell, children born with deformities. We don't want SYDNEY's garbage here, why don't you burn it in SYDNEY and poison them instead. We don't want Veolia burning millions of tons of plastic every year and poisoning our children. Why are you picking on our little town.