

Submission
No 601

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 25 October 2025

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Submission to Parkes Waste Proposal

From:

Age: 55

Marital Status: Married

Children: 3 (one living locally, one in Orange)

Grandchildren: 4

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed waste project in Parkes.

My husband and I both come from an agricultural background we were previously farmers, and our livelihoods, families, and community are deeply connected to the land. I am highly concerned about the long-term effects these so-called “forever chemicals” will have on our agricultural sector. Contamination of our **water, air, and food supply** would have devastating consequences for the ability of local farmers to continue producing safe and sustainable food, grain, and livestock.

Beyond the environmental impacts, I am also deeply worried about the **effect this project will have on local property values**. Had we known about this proposal earlier, we would have strongly discouraged our children from returning to the area. We feel blindsided by the lack of genuine community consultation and disappointed by the lack of meaningful support from our local council.

This proposal has made us question our future here. If circumstances allowed, we would leave Parkes but that’s not a realistic option for us. If the project proceeds, we will be left living in what effectively becomes **Sydney’s waste ground**, a heartbreaking prospect for a community that has worked hard to build a proud, vibrant regional life.

I also have **serious health concerns**. My husband is a two-time survivor of Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and is now immunocompromised. He is vulnerable and picks up infections easily. Any increase in airborne contaminants or toxins in the water or soil would pose a significant and unacceptable risk to his health and the health of others in similar circumstances.

I am also deeply worried about the **long-term health implications** if our daughter decides to start a family while living here. The possibility that her children could grow up exposed to harmful chemicals in the water, soil, or air is extremely concerning. We simply don’t know what the future effects could be on pregnancy outcomes, child development, or their lifelong health. The idea that our grandchildren or great-grandchildren might face chronic illnesses or complications as a result of environmental contamination is heartbreaking. No parent should have to question whether it’s safe to raise a family in their own community.

In summary, I am **strongly opposed** to this proposal on the grounds of:

- Risks to agricultural productivity and food safety

- Impacts on property values and community wellbeing
- Lack of adequate community consultation and transparency
- Health risks to vulnerable community members

I urge the decision-makers to reject this project and instead protect the health, environment, and future of Parkes and its people.

Sincerely,

Parkes Resident