

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES**

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I am concerned by the proposal to build an EFT incinerator here in our lovely little town of Parkes NSW.

My main concerns are:

- contamination of drinking water. In the Parkes Shire our drinking water catchment is approx 30km from town and has potential to be impacted by the pollutants that this plant will emit. Parkes water is of poor enough quality as it is due to the council's refusal to repair infrastructure.
- contamination of farmland - Parkes has a proud and continuing agriculture industry and the contamination of the land will decimate this industry as food / livestock from our region will no longer be of value.
- carbon emissions. I don't understand how a project such as this can even be considered given our climate crisis... it works directly against the efforts being made to decarbonise to provide a safer environment to future generations.
- health effects. Our family is already affected by cancer and respiratory conditions. Spewing pollutants into the air, food source and drinking water will only make this worse.
- reputation. Parkes is well known as a quiet, clean country town and this will certainly no longer be the case if this EFW facility goes ahead.
- distance from the source. If the EFW process is so safe why not install closer to the source of the garbage? There are millions of undeveloped / untouched hectares of land to the west, south and north of Sydney where this project could be positioned reducing the cost of transport and impact to communities.