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

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My name is Kelly McGirr and I am a long-term resident of Parkes NSW who is vehemently opposed to the Energy from Waste facility proposed for our town. I also own a small retail business.

I am deeply concerned about the health, environment and economic impacts this facility may have on our town going into the future. I don't believe this will enhance our community in any way and feel insulted that our town has been chosen to be the dumping ground for Sydney's waste. It doesn't feel "safe" when the technology has been banned in all areas of our state with only a few exceptions. Burning and exposing a community to pollutants throughout the process seems to be unfairly burdening regional areas with Sydney's problems.

A facility that requires waste to function seems out of step with environmental targets and long term, multi-disciplinary solutions. Where are the incentives from government, business and the community to find alternatives to our waste problems? We need to be better than this.

Countries like Denmark, Spain, Wales and some states in the USA have restricted or banned the technology as it does not reflect the countries net zero targets or address rising greenhouse gas emissions.

As a small business owner I am also very concerned about the impact this will have on the viability of my shop. There are many people who have told me they would move from the area should the incinerator proceed. I have not heard one person say they are in favour of the facility, and I see a cross section of the community as well as many travellers passing through.

This is just a short summary of my main concerns but have many more including the proximity to agriculture, schools, homes with rainwater tanks (including my children and grandchildren), water requirements, ongoing monitoring requirements, transportation risks.

Regards,

Kelly McGirr