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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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Whilst I do not live in the Parkes area. I used to live there and have many friends that live in the Parkes Shire.

I have great concerns in regard to the proposed Waste Incinerator being located in rural communities which did not produce the waste. I would have concerns about the health implications of such a facility on any residents and also agricultural industries in the area.

The location of such a facility in the area could do irreparable damage to the clean and green reputation our agricultural industry has worldwide. It may not just affect the agricultural industry in that area it could affect us Australia wide.

It is inexcusable that regional communities are expected to bear the brunt of housing such an incinerator to dispose of waste from Greater Sydney. If the waste is being produced in greater Sydney then the facility if deemed so necessary to solve the greater Sydney waste issue should be located in that area as well. This will save additional transport costs in having to ship the waste from greater Sydney. Plus, it may motivate residents in Greater Sydney to recycle more.

If I was to suggest there are plenty of national park areas near Sydney and the footprint of the waste incinerator would not be that great, so it should be located there, people would be up in arms because it could affect our koalas and our national park habitat. Yet some people believe it is ok to have it located near a thriving town. The federal government is allowing clearing of land to allow for renewable energy developments, so a small area of land cleared to house the waste incinerator near the source would be the best outcome.

It appears as though the residents of Parkes and other proposed sites are not given the full details of proposals and both the politicians on multiple levels and proponents are not providing full disclosure.

Anyhow my final word is that the waste created by greater Sydney should be dealt with in Greater Sydney. To use an Aussie analogy, if your neighbours dogs pooped in his backyard, I'm pretty sure that neighbour would not expect you to clean up after his dog.