

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I am from a farming family which started with my grandfather in 1918 as a soldier settler after his medical discharge from the army. My father farmed this land where he was born in 1928 all his life until his death in 2001. He ran a self-sufficient enterprise which raised 3 children, my brother continued to run the farm until his death in 2019, when I took over. This area in Australia grows and breeds clean, healthy meat and grain. The introduction of the incinerator will destroy all of that. The LPA are asking for farmers to pinpoint our location for the overseas market of cattle hides for potential sale to other interested parties. Having the incinerator blowing smoke over our land has the potential to contaminate anything that grows in or eats what is on the land thus destroying our livelihood and that of our future children.

I do not understand why Parkes council is not opposing the incinerator, they are supposed to represent us, and bringing garbage from Sydney to Parkes, no matter how it is transported has got to be very expensive way to get rid of it, why isn't the incinerator located in the area where the problem is? Also the amount of garbage that we have be told that is needed for the incinerator is the minimum that will be needed, so when we run out of garbage, will we be importing garbage from overseas? And what of the ash that is left, where is that going?

I have been told that it's a done deal, how can that be when the most of the community is against it, and there is a lot of unanswered questions, and the council seem to happy to go ahead with it, instead of representing their ratepayers. Are they relying of peoples apathy to get this dangerous project through? when asked at the public meeting, Parkes Council referred to the State Government, saying they had no say. Which is not so, they can oppose it, which they should of done from the start.

We need to find a better way of getting rid of garbage, and the government need to stop throwing money at projects that are not in the public's interest. We need to educate people how to recycle, fix, reuse what they have, not buy a new one and throw the used one in the garbage thus creating this big problem we have now.

We have the cleanest, beautiful and best country in the world, why are people trying to destroy it by introducing dangerous practices?

I have spoken to a few people, if the incinerator goes ahead they will move, there are a few that have already gone, because house prices will drop, the only ones who will want to come to Parkes, will be people with no choice and no financial means.

I am not a worldly person, I was born in Parkes, never went to university, got a job, stayed in Parkes, married raised two children, never travelled overseas, so Parkes is my world, seen the ups and downs, I don't want to see it destroyed and unliveable because of the contamination from the incinerator.

There is a lot of unanswered questions, and problems that don't seem to have satisfying answers for the community.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Gail Davies