


Submission
No 616

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Collector for over 30 years and have always valued being part of this community. Collector isn't just where we live; it's where we work, play, and raise our children. I am deeply involved in our local community, supporting businesses like Some Café and Olive View Café, and helping to foster connections among our neighbours.

My husband and I are raising our four young children, aged 4 to 9, who have known nothing but life in Collector. Together with family, we help host the weekly twilight community soccer events from October to April each year. It's wonderful to see children as young as 4 and adults well into their 50s come together to enjoy sport, community, and friendship.

At home, our garden is a central part of our lives. I grow organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers, which are a source of joy for the whole family. Our children delight in picking fresh raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries straight from the plants. We rely on rainwater collected in tanks, and a bore to supplement when needed, ensuring that we have fresh water for our garden and family. Clean air, fertile soil, and pure water have been gifts that allow our family and our garden to thrive, and I hope that our children will continue to enjoy these blessings throughout their lives.

I respectfully appeal to you: please do not approve the proposed Tarago Waste Incinerator. The potential impacts on our air, water, soil, and agricultural productivity are too severe to ignore. This is not just about Collector — it is about preserving a safe, healthy environment for families and communities throughout the region.

Predictions indicate that pollutant plumes from the incinerator could spread far beyond Tarago, potentially reaching Collector, Sutton, Gundaroo, Gunning, Breadalbane, Currawang, Lake Bathurst, Goulburn, Bungonia, Bungendore, and surrounding areas. I worry that the water we collect could be contaminated, that the air we breathe could become toxic, and that our garden — and the lessons and joy it provides to our children — could be destroyed.

Life in Collector and the surrounding rural communities is built on generations of hard work, connection to the land, and respect for the environment. Please do not bring the problems of urban industrialisation to our towns and disrupt the quiet, unsung richness of our way of life. It is a lifestyle rooted in clean air, open spaces, and community spirit — gifts that, once lost, cannot be replaced.

Sincerely,