

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

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Submission: Opposition to Proposed Parkes Waste Incinerator

From: , Parkes resident, mother of two

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed waste incinerator in Parkes. My husband, grown son, and I live here, and as a mother and long-term resident, I am deeply concerned about the health, environmental, and social impacts this project would have on our town.

I do not understand how such an incinerator can be considered unacceptable for Sydney where most of this waste is produced yet somehow acceptable for Parkes. Why should regional communities be expected to take on the risks and pollution that others refuse? We already manage our own waste responsibly and should not have to process Sydney's contaminated rubbish.

I have personally seen and smelt the leaking waste trains travelling through our region. The idea of even more of these filthy, odorous trains carrying dangerous materials through and into Parkes is extremely worrying. This raises serious concerns about our air quality, contamination of local food and agriculture, and potential pollution of our drinking water both in town supplies and rural tanks.

There are also the inevitable problems of vermin at the incinerator site and around the trains themselves. These issues affect not only our environment and lifestyle but also our property values and the image of our town.

I take personal responsibility to **recycle, reuse, and reduce** wherever possible to cut down on waste. It is disheartening to think that, despite our community's efforts, others' toxic waste could be brought here to destroy our beautiful town. Wouldn't it make far more sense and be more cost effective to manage waste closer to where it is produced?

It feels as though the health and wellbeing of smaller communities like ours matter less when decisions like this are made. But our lives, our land, and our children's futures are just as important as anyone else's.

As the saying goes:

"Only when the last tree has died, the last river has been poisoned, and the last fish has been caught will we realise that we cannot eat money."

Parkes deserves clean industries that build our future renewable energy, recycling innovation, and sustainable jobs not a polluting incinerator that gives little back to our community.

Please, do not approve this project. Protect the health, safety, and future of Parkes residents.

Parkes, NSW