

Submission
No 618

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Collector, NSW, since January 2012. I don't just live here — I work here too, in a family-owned business that has served the community for over 30 years. I proudly support our local dining venues, Some Café and Olive View Café.

My wife and I are raising our young family of four children, aged 4 to 9, who have lived in Collector their entire lives. Together with my brother-in-law and his young family, we host the local weekly twilight community soccer event from October through April each year. It's a great community gathering, with participants ranging from as young as 4 years old to over 50.

At home, we have a vegetable and flower garden — my wife's passion — where we grow our own organic fruits and vegetables. Our children love being able to wander into the garden to pick fresh raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries straight from the plant. We collect rainwater in tanks from our roof, and when they run dry, we rely on our bore to refill them until the next rain. We're grateful for the clean air and fresh water that allow our garden to thrive — and that our children have grown up enjoying. It's something I hope they'll be able to cherish for the rest of their lives.

I appeal to you: please do not move forward with the proposed Tarago Waste Incinerator. The impacts it will have on air quality, water, soil, and agriculture will be devastating. We do not want that here — not now, not ever.

Forecasts show that pollutant plumes from the incinerator, under certain wind conditions, could spread across the northern suburbs of our nation's capital. If that's the extent of their reach, I fear what will drift over Collector, Sutton, Gundaroo, Gunning, Breadalbane, Currawang, Lake Bathurst, Goulburn, Bungonia, Bungendore, and of course, Tarago — the community at the heart of this pollution. I fear the rainwater we collect and drink will become contaminated. I fear the clean, fresh air we breathe will be tainted. I fear our fruit, vegetables, and flowers will suffer, poisoned by pollutants in the air and water, unable to flourish as they do now.

We have a way of life here — not just in Collector, but throughout the surrounding rural communities, where some families have farmed for six generations. Please do not bring the problems of the big cities into our rural towns and spoil the quiet, unsung richness of our way of life. It's a way of life built on clean air, open space, and community spirit — things that once lost, can never truly be restored.

Sincerely.