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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I Rick Gordon, am lodging my opposition to the proposed Energy from Waste Incinerators in Parkes and Tomago and across the entire NSW. I am born and bred in Lake Macquarie. I am a maths teacher at a local school and have a passion for this area and a passion for travelling around New South Wales. My hobby is taking photos of our beautiful environment.

Most of family reside in and around the greater Newcastle area. When we were children, we had lead testing from the smelter at Boolaroo. What testing will our children need in the future being exposed to the fallout from the proposed incinerators?

I have family in Parkes Shire and the anxiety among the residents is palpable. My brother-in-law works closely with farmers in that area and has noted the effect this proposal is having.

What happens to the farmers when no one buys their contaminated crops ?? What happens when contamination gets into the stock and the high quality produce Australia has a reputation for?

What happens to the wine industry in the Hunter Valley when the grapes are contaminated ?? Many industries will suffer. Tourism in particular. Is our government really ready to gamble the \$270 Million dollar industry that the Hunter Valley wine industry is?

None of this may matter because we'll all be too ill to eat and drink. If these incinerators were safe, we would see the Blacktown proposal having gone ahead. Instead we see they are now banned in the ACT, Sydney and across NSW other than the four proposed sites. I strongly urge that the NSW Government look into other waste control systems.