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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I wish to oppose the waste-to-energy facility that is proposed for development at Parkes NSW. This is the town and region I grew up in and in which a lot of my family and friends still reside. I believe there is not enough factual evidence to be guaranteed the health and safety of the community, my friends and my family. There has been absolutely no proof or evidence made public that the incinerator residue is safe both in the short term and long term. There is not a single study or report available to the public that clearly shows evidence that regardless of the type of waste burnt in this incinerator, that the air emitted and dispersed over the town and surrounding land, is safe to humans, animals, and the environment. This will have an impact on all my friends and family, however one group specifically of concern are the farmers. Any contamination to the soil will negatively impact their livelihoods and business in many ways including financial, emotional and potentially affecting their physical health. Not only that, how many generations will this affect once we have toxins or contaminants in the soil from which they grow our food. The critical part to consider here is, we have no idea how much that impact will be. This is a ridiculous experiment that could potentially have catastrophic outcomes in time. Right now we know the potential hazards from this type of infrastructure, but there is no evidence to show the controls that will be put in place, will reduce any of the consequences to an acceptable level. It is unmeasurable until some time has passed and only then will we find out if this was harmful to people and the environment. If this was proposed to be built in your neighbourhood - would you accept it.

I have both nieces and nephews that attend the school that is the closest to where the proposed incinerator will be, I am scared for the unknown toxicity that will impact their long term health along with other members of the community. And the residue also has the potential to contaminate the waterways / drinking water. This would be an unbelievable risk for any person to sign off on this project, knowing the responsibility it holds to gamble on people's health and livelihood.