

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as I am highly concerned and distressed at the proposed waste incinerator in Tarago. Waste to energy is not a viable solution and the research in Europe has indicated that a waste to energy facility like this does not even produce enough energy to run itself let alone create energy for anything else. Combine this with the amount of energy required to transport the waste and this becomes an irresponsible use of energy. Additionally, I am concerned that the company veolia is known for its EPA violations and tendency to treat the resultant fines as a business expense. The community has been given no reason to believe that their attitude has and will change as this company has already caused leachate of toxins. As a local with a chronic illness I do not believe I could stay in an area with a waste incinerator. The reports coming out of Europe regarding the known issues with these incinerators such as PFAS, leachate, degradation of locally grown water and food becoming unsafe to consume are all concerns that make me want to leave Goulburn. I am not alone in this sentiment and believe that this will decimate local farmers and commerce as people leave the area and farming in Goulburn becomes unsafe. Additionally, I am concerned by the NSW government ignoring the ACT's clear stance upon waste incinerators as they are illegal there and the fact that the ACT will also be affected by this incinerator. Incinerators do not belong in this country, they cause irreparable harm and we do not even yet know the full extent of the potential damage it will cause to communities' health and the economy.

Kind regards

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