

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

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I am opposed to the Waste to Energy Incinerator that is proposed for Parkes NSW.

If WTE Incinerators are banned in NSW due to health & environmental concerns then why was Parkes and three other regional precincts exempt from this ban. I find it unacceptable that the community of Parkes lives are seen of lesser value than that of the city people, we are to be the sacrificial lambs for Sydney's waste problem, a

problem that we didn't contribute too and was not deemed safe for Sydney. We are all deserving to be treated equally irrespective of where we live.

The Eastern Creek Energy from Waste project was cancelled in 2018 due to environmental and health concerns which led to NSW IPC to reject the project due to the potential impact to human health and air quality.

Parke should not bear the burden of a facility that was

unsafe in Sydney, and Parkes should not have to deal with Sydney's waste problems. Parkes should be afforded the same right. It also does not make sense to transport the waste so far away by rail (waste) and road (by-products).

Regional communities have had to bear the brunt with the ever increasing Wind Turbines & Solar Farms on our agricultural land & now we are being asked to take on Sydney's rubbish.

Waste incinerators are major sources of toxic air pollution that will impact our health, air quality, food production, the environment & drinking water to name a few of the concerns we have.

Parkes sits on prime agricultural land which produces high class broadacre cropping as well as sheep & cattle. Most farmers here are generational farmers who take great pride in the food they produce. I have heard a few say they will have to sell up and

leave if the incinerator goes ahead as there will be no future for them or their children to pass on.

There are also concerns that pollution standards will not be adequately monitored or enforced. The trust in the EPA has declined with the buried reports on lead in children's blood in Broken Hill and the Waterway contamination in the Belubula River. There are also the concerns that once the incinerator is established that

Parkes will be asked to increase and burn more rubbish.

As Parkes Shire Council are a representative for the community they have been very lacking in consulting the community in regards to the incinerator and many locals feel that they have been deceptive & withheld information due to the the backlash that they would receive. Many also feel that because of their financial situation that monetary value exceeds community health.

For me personally it most likely won't have a big impact on me due to my age but I have lived and worked in Parkes all my life, my parents have lived and worked here & i have three children who have children of their own that live here. We all work and contribute to this wonderful community of Parkes in Education, Trade Industry, Aged Care Motor Industry, Local Council & Medical Practices. We are good decent people. Both my husband and I have a couple of

Rental properties in Parkes, but we are seriously considering selling everything and moving if the incinerator goes ahead. My children and their families are also considering the same.

Would you feel safe knowing your loved ones are living close to an incinerator? It has caused a lot of stress and anxiety to many in the community.