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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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Submission Against the Proposed Incinerator in Parkes, NSW

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_, Parkes NSW

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal for a waste incinerator to be built in Parkes, NSW.

### 1. Environmental Concerns

Incinerators release harmful pollutants, including dioxins and heavy metals, into the air, which can contaminate soil, water, and food sources. These toxins pose significant risks to both human and animal health. Parkes' clean air and rural environment are key aspects of our community's wellbeing, and an incinerator would compromise that.

### 2. Health Risks to the Community

Residents, including children and the elderly, would be exposed to increased air pollution and potential long-term health effects. Studies have shown communities living near incinerators experience higher rates of respiratory problems, heart disease, and cancer. This is unacceptable when safer waste management alternatives exist.

### 3. Economic and Social Impact

An incinerator near Parkes could harm tourism, local agriculture, and the town's image as a clean, regional hub. Property values may drop, and families may reconsider moving here. Instead of benefiting our economy, it risks driving people and investment away.

### 4. Better Alternatives Exist

Rather than burning waste, Parkes should focus on sustainable waste solutions like recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs. These methods create more local jobs, use less energy, and keep toxins out of the environment.

### 5. Community Opposition

The people of Parkes value their environment and community health. Many locals oppose this project, and their voices should be heard. Our town deserves clean air, a safe future, and development that aligns with sustainable practices—not industrial waste burning.

### In Summary

Parkes should not be the site of a waste incinerator. The risks far outweigh any potential benefits. I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and instead invest in cleaner, safer, and more sustainable waste solutions.

Sincerely,

Parkes, NSW