

**Submission
No 674**

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Luke Cusack and I am a self-employed builder and cabinet maker who has lived and worked in Parkes most of my life. My wife and I are raising our three children here—two currently in high school and one who will be starting school next year.

Through my trade, I've had the privilege of building and renovating homes and businesses for local families, farmers, and community members. I take great pride in running my own business and contributing to the growth and success of Parkes. This town has always been home to us, and I care deeply about its people and its future.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste (EfW) incinerator project. Like many residents, I am extremely concerned about the potential health, environmental, and economic consequences this facility could bring to our community.

Clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment are essential—not just for our families, but for every person and business in Parkes. As someone who works with natural materials and spends a great deal of time outdoors, I am very aware of how pollution can affect both the quality of my work and the wellbeing of my family.

I am also concerned about the impact this project could have on our local economy. If pollution, or even the fear of it, causes people to move away or discourages new families from coming here, it will hurt local trades, farms, and small businesses—including my own. Like many self-employed workers, my livelihood depends on a strong and thriving local community. I also worry about what this could mean for property values, community confidence, and our ability to attract teachers, healthcare professionals, and other essential workers.

Parkes has always been a proud, hardworking town built by people who look out for one another. We all want progress, but not at the cost of our health, our environment, or our children's future.

I urge decision-makers to listen to the people who live and work here. Once the damage is done, it cannot be undone. Please protect the health, safety, and long-term future of Parkes by rejecting the proposed waste incinerator.

Sincerely,

Luke Cusack

Self-Employed Builder & Cabinet Maker

Parkes Resident