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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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To Whom It May Concern,

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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Incubator Development in Tarago, NSW

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed incubator being built in Tarago, NSW. As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts this development will have on our community, environment, and overall wellbeing.

1. Health Implications

There are significant health risks associated with industrial incubator operations, including air and water pollution, odour emissions, and the spread of bacteria and other contaminants. These issues can severely affect the health of nearby residents, particularly vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. The release of fine particulate matter and ammonia—common by-products of large-scale animal or industrial incubators—has been linked to increased rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. Tarago residents should not be exposed to unnecessary health risks for the sake of industrial development.

2. Environmental Concerns

Tarago and its surrounding areas are home to valuable farmland, waterways, and native wildlife. The introduction of an industrial facility has the potential to cause long-term environmental damage through contamination of soil and groundwater, increased waste production, and the disruption of local ecosystems. Our community has worked hard to protect the rural landscape and maintain a clean, sustainable environment—this project threatens to undo that effort.

3. Community Impact

The rural charm and quiet nature of Tarago are central to our way of life. The construction and operation of an industrial incubator will bring increased traffic, noise, odours, and heavy vehicle movement through our small town. This will not only disrupt residents' quality of life but may also deter visitors and reduce property values. Many families have chosen Tarago for its peace, clean air, and community spirit—introducing an industrial operation of this scale is inconsistent with those values.

4. Inadequate Consultation and Transparency

Many residents feel there has been insufficient community consultation about this proposal. Decisions that have such wide-reaching consequences for our town should not be made without transparent communication, proper environmental assessments, and genuine community input. Locals deserve to have their concerns heard and considered before any approval is granted.

5. Long-Term Consequences

While developments like this may promise short-term economic benefits, the long-term costs—both environmental and social—can far outweigh any gains. Once our local environment and community character are damaged, they cannot easily be restored.

In conclusion, I urge the relevant authorities to reconsider the proposed incubator development in Tarago. Our community values health, safety, and the preservation of our rural lifestyle. The potential risks and impacts of this project are too great to justify proceeding.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully,