

**Submission
No 689**

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brooke, a local resident of Parkes, NSW .

I wish to express some of my concerns to this project, and am opposed to the facility having been allocated to the Parkes area.

The first concern regarding this project is the lack of direct and clear communication with the local community from our resident council. The proposal was brought forth in the late 2020 early 2021 period when our primary concerns as a public was the pandemic and the chaos and uncertainty it wrought. How could we give the attention a project like this requires; we were in lockdown, managing school, work and children at home, experiencing high stress , and uncertainty and concern for one another. It likely didn't register as high priority on people's list. It seems disingenuous to confirm a project of this scale to be accepted without a fully informed public.

The second concern I have, is whether the research into the impacts and safety of this facility was conducted by an independent body paid for the government or was the research backed by the awarded companies and thus bias or positive conclusions are surely present.

Thirdly, are local councils and governments in NSW are implementing strategies and programs to address the initial problem that is waste production. Are programs in place to encourage proper recycling, zero waste options, tax increases on fast chain production, etc? I remember when the early 2000s drought hit regional NSW (and Australia) hard, the ads and messages discouraging water waste was everywhere, we collectively did what we could as a community and we did it well. This proves we can do better when called upon to do the right thing. Where is the initiatives and encouragement from our governments to address the waste problem, it seems to have taken a back seat in favour of a band aid solution that is this facility.

These are just some of the many concerns and worries I have and share with my local community. I hope these are taken into consideration and look forward to a better outcome in the future for Parkes. Thank you for your time,

Brooke