

**Submission  
No 690**

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

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I am a long term resident of Parkes and I strongly oppose the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste Incinerator.

I firmly believe that the incinerator will have detrimental effects on the health of Parkes residents and those of surrounding areas. My children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren live in Parkes and I am very concerned about the long term impact on their future as well as the futures of all our younger generations.

The Environmental impact will be long lasting with dioxins contaminating our soil, water and air. The long-term health effects of exposure to these toxins are well documented and are known to cause cancers, respiratory diseases and developmental problems.

It is unacceptable that Parkes should be responsible for Sydney's rubbish and that Parkes is one of the few locations excluded from NSW government health protections.

The Parkes Energy from Waste Incinerator presents not only an unacceptable health risk to residents of the town and the region, but would also have negative effects on local and regional tourism and businesses. I am aware of several business owners and families who have stated that they will leave the area should this proposal go ahead and I am extremely concerned that my own family members are considering such a move. Furthermore the facility would be detrimental to attracting new residents as well as professionals to the region, including those involved in health, education, emergency services and trades. It would also cause a drop in property values, and tourism.

Therefore I very strongly urge that the Parkes Incinerator project be rejected.