

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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Submission on the Proposed Parkes Waste Facility

From: Semeatria Hubbard

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Semeatria Hubbard, and I have lived in Parkes my entire life. I am writing to formally submit my concerns regarding the proposed waste facility and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I strongly urge that the EIS process be halted until a full and independent inquiry can be conducted.

I have deep roots in the Parkes community. My elderly parents live here, and I am a mother of three children and a grandparent to one grandchild. My husband and I live on a large block with our dogs. Over the years, I have contributed to the local community as a florist and, more recently, in the childcare sector. I also work as a consultant. These connections give me a personal and vested interest in ensuring that any development in our area is safe, sustainable, and in the best interests of all residents.

Our household strives for sustainability and a healthy lifestyle. We maintain our own vegetable garden, use rainwater tanks, and enjoy cooking with fresh ingredients. We also value the natural beauty of our region, regularly traveling locally for camping, events, and community activities. The proposed waste facility raises serious questions about the impact on our water supply, air quality, and overall community wellbeing.

I would like to pose the following questions regarding the EIS and the proposed development:

1. How will the facility impact the health and safety of local residents, particularly children and the elderly?
2. What measures are in place to protect our water sources, including rainwater tanks, from contamination?
3. How will the development affect the local environment, including soil quality, wildlife, and vegetation?
4. Has the cumulative impact on community lifestyle, property values, and local businesses been fully assessed?
5. Why has the EIS process been allowed to continue without a fully transparent and independent review that includes the voices of long-term residents?

Given the potential long-term impacts on families, the environment, and the Parkes community, I demand that the EIS process be paused immediately until a thorough independent inquiry can be completed. Any development of this scale should not proceed without full accountability and engagement with the people who call Parkes home.

Sincerely,

Semeatria Hubbard

Parkes Resident