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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste incinerator. My family has been part of the farming community in this region for generations, producing high-quality cattle, sheep, and grain that are sought after across the state. I am proud to continue this legacy and to raise my young family on the same land that has sustained us for decades. We chose to live and work here because of the clean air, open land, and safe environment that make this such an ideal place to raise children and farm responsibly.

My greatest concern is the impact this facility will have on the health of my young family. The thought of exposing them to potentially harmful emissions, pollutants, or toxins from an incinerator is deeply troubling. Children are especially vulnerable to air quality issues, and even minor increases in pollutants can have long-term effects on respiratory and overall health.

I am also gravely concerned about the potential impact on our farming industry. Parkes and its surrounding areas are known for producing premium agricultural products. If there is any risk — or even public perception — of contamination from emissions, ash, or runoff, the reputation of our produce could be permanently damaged. Who will buy our cattle, sheep, or grain if there is any doubt about the safety or quality of what we grow? And what price will we be forced to accept if our clean, reliable reputation is compromised? Generations of hard work and careful land stewardship could be undone by one industrial development.

Finally, there are unknown risks that may not be realised for years or even decades. Once an incinerator of this scale is built, the community will have to live with whatever consequences emerge — environmental, economic, or health-related. By the time the effects are visible, it will be too late to reverse the damage.

Our region has thrived because of its clean environment and the dedication of the people who work the land. This project threatens both. I urge decision-makers to listen to the voices of the local community and protect the health, safety, and future of Parkes and its farming families by rejecting this proposal.