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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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To the Select Committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a submission to this Inquiry.

I'm a nurse and we have moved to Goulburn some years ago for the health benefits of fresh and unspoiled country air. I'm also a local organic gardener.

A toxic waste facility in Tarago would put the health of all local residents at risk. This not only affecting our air quality but also local drinking water, our rainwater, our soil and harvest.

It is well known that burning waste releases harmful pollutants, including toxic gases and other toxic matter, which can lead to serious health issues and other toxic environmental risks.

It is well known that waste burn contributes to air pollution and poses risks to vulnerable populations, such as those with respiratory conditions, pregnant women and children.

It is also well known that burning waste significantly impacts the environment through the release of harmful pollutants including heavy metals, toxic chemicals as well as greenhouse gases.

It is well known that burning waste contributes to air pollution, is exacerbating respiratory issues and is contaminating soil and water sources.

Especially incomplete combustion of materials like plastics and electronics release persistent toxins, which can accumulate in surrounding land and water, harm wildlife and also add to climate change.

It is well known that air pollution negatively affects general health and especially the health of our children.

In general, thinking that it is worth endangering people's and local environment's health with the proposed Energy from Waste Facilities, including the one at Tarago, would be totally irresponsible and dangerous.

In addition, considering the costs and risks of transporting the waste to country located facilities it would make much more sense to burn Sydney's waste products locally – in Sydney.

Moving, and burning Sydney's waste in the proposed facilities, including Tarago, would be seen as discrimination towards people living in country towns and unfairly putting country people at multiple health & environmental risks from Sydney's waste products.

From a medical point of view the plant facilities are totally unacceptable and an unpredictable health risk for all surrounding communities.

Australia is NOT a third world county and does not require to put its residents at risk of toxic waste pollution.

Your consideration of the above needs to be included in your decision.

Yours faithfully,