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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Subject: Objection to the Proposed Rubbish Incinerator in Parkes, NSW

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal to build a rubbish incinerator in Parkes, NSW. As a resident of Parkes, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts this development could have on our community, environment, and the economic stability of our town.

The primary reason for my objection remains the potential for significant air pollution. Incinerators release harmful pollutants, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and dioxins, which can have serious health consequences, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly. These emissions could exacerbate respiratory conditions and contribute to other health problems, diminishing the overall quality of life for Parkes residents. Furthermore, the incinerator's emissions could negatively impact local agriculture, contaminating crops and reducing their market value.

Beyond the environmental and health concerns, the proposed incinerator poses a significant threat to property values and investments in Parkes. The construction of such a facility is likely to deter potential homebuyers and investors, leading to a decline in property values. Many residents have invested their life savings into their homes, and the presence of a rubbish incinerator nearby would undermine this investment, causing financial hardship and instability. The negative perception associated with incinerators can make it difficult to attract new residents and businesses, hindering the long-term growth and prosperity of Parkes.

In addition to air quality concerns and economic impacts, I am worried about the potential for water and soil contamination from incinerator byproducts. Ash and other residues can leach harmful chemicals into the soil and groundwater, posing a long-term threat to our local ecosystems and agricultural lands. This could have devastating effects on our region's biodiversity and agricultural productivity, undermining the economic stability of Parkes.

Finally, the construction of a rubbish incinerator is a step in the wrong direction in terms of waste management. Instead of investing in outdated and polluting technologies, we should be focusing on promoting waste reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives. A modern, comprehensive waste management strategy should prioritize minimizing waste generation and maximizing resource recovery, creating a more sustainable and environmentally responsible community.

For these reasons, I urge the government to reject the proposal for a rubbish incinerator in Parkes and instead support sustainable waste management solutions that will protect our environment, the health and well-being of our community, and the economic investments of its residents.

Sincerely,