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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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While I understand the need to look for new ways to produce energy and also ways in which to handle the waste crisis of Sydney - I do not understand why the regional towns, including Parkes, Wallerawang (West of Lithgow) or the Tarago region have to be the ones that take care of Sydney's problem.

It has been deemed not safe for Sydney, but why is it safe out here? Have you just adopted the "Trolley Problem" to solve this issue? Sacrifice the few for the many? Just because the population in these areas is lower, doesn't mean that our lives are worth less. We are not dispensable. Our water, our land - we need it. Parkes especially is such a huge farming community. Does Australia just not care about farmers anymore? The backbone of our country?

We shouldn't be shouldering the burden for Sydney's problems. They should find a solution that works for them, in their area, instead of using something unsafe for larger populations out here. If it isn't safe for them it isn't safe for us. I cannot stress that enough.

There hasn't even been proper information about how much energy this will produce? How much will the benefit the community? There is so much unused space in Australia not near where people live, why can't it be there? Or better yet, build huge solar farms out in the middle of nowhere to power the country. It is so far away from people, they won't be affected.

I haven't even mentioned the fact that so much water is needed for an incinerator, or even worse a nuclear power plant (another thing I do not want in my backyard). We are a drought prone area. Parkes is drought prone. What happens when there is no water? Do the people lose access to water to ensure the incinerator can still run? Did you not see what happened recently in Lithgow when a water main burst? Half the town lost water for days.

We are raising our families here. Why should our children put up with harmful gases and pollutants? Why should we?

It feels like you are rushing, scrambling to find a solution and not putting enough proper thought into how this will affect the communities. You just picked a place and thought "there are less people living there, just chuck it there". That is not fair. You need to take a step back and properly assess this situation.