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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is _____, and I have lived in Parkes my entire life. I grew up on our family farm, and today I work there full-time as a proud fourth-generation farmer. Farming isn't just a job to me and my family, it's a way of life and our future. That future is now under serious threat from the proposed Energy from Waste (EfW) incinerator.

This project poses an enormous risk to our regions agriculture industry, which is an integral part of our community. With the EfW incinerator planned nearby, I no longer feel I have a future in the Parkes area. The potential for toxic emissions like dioxins and furans to contaminate our tank water, grain and livestock is deeply alarming. Once that happens, our produce could be rejected, our land will lose value and our farming business destroyed.

Why is Parkes even being proposed as a dumping site for Sydney's red bin waste? It should not be our rural town's responsibility to manage Sydney's waste problem. Transporting 600,000 tonnes of household waste by diesel trains to Parkes makes no environmental or economic sense. It adds further emissions and costs just to shift the problem out of the city and into our backyard. The EfW incinerator was rejected in Sydney and it's their waste, so it should not be approved for Parkes.

This isn't just a risk to farming. It's a risk to the health of our community, the environment and the future of our town. Many skilled workers, professionals and families will leave the area if the EfW incinerator is approved. Parkes will become a shell of the great community and town that it currently is.

The proposed EfW incinerator in Parkes must be stopped for our health, our land, and our future.

Sincerely,

Parkes Shire NSW