

**Submission  
No 728**

## **INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES**

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## **Submission Against Parkes Waste Proposal**

By: Peter Lees

My name is Peter Lees, and I've lived in Parkes for the majority of my life alongside my wife, Jill. Together, we raised our three children here. One of our sons still lives in Parkes and is now raising two daughters of his own. Our roots run deep in this community, and it's with a heavy heart and growing concern that I write to oppose the proposed waste facility in Parkes.

This town has been good to our family. I've worked here, contributed to the local economy, and built lasting friendships. I've always believed Parkes is a great place to live and raise a family. But this proposal threatens that.

My greatest concern is the **health impact** this facility could have on our community—especially the next generation. The idea of my granddaughters growing up near a large-scale waste site is deeply unsettling. The risks of air, soil, and water contamination are real, and once damage is done, it cannot easily be undone.

There's also the **environmental damage** to consider. Parkes is surrounded by productive farmland and beautiful natural areas. Why would we risk damaging what makes this region so valuable and liveable?

Finally, I have to express my disappointment in the **lack of meaningful community consultation**. The people of Parkes deserve a real say in decisions that affect their health, environment, and future. It feels like this proposal is being pushed forward without adequate transparency or community involvement.

I strongly urge council and all decision-makers to reconsider this proposal. Parkes deserves better.

Sincerely,  
Peter Lees