

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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To: The Honourable Members of the NSW Parliament

From: Concerned Residents of Parkes and the Central West

Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Waste to Energy Incineration Facility in Parkes, NSW

I, a current resident of Parkes strongly oppose the proposed Waste to Energy incinerator project near Parkes.

Our community values clean air, productive farmland, and a safe place to raise families. A large-scale incineration facility threatens all of that risking our health, environment, economy, and regional reputation.

Burning waste releases dioxins, furans, heavy metals, and fine particles that can harm lungs, the heart, fertility, and increase cancer risk. Even modern facilities overseas have failed to completely eliminate these pollutants.

These contaminants can settle on soil, crops, and livestock, threatening both public health and our food chain.

(World Health Organization – “Dioxins and dioxin like substances,” WHO, 2020)

Instead of locking our town into a high-risk industrial incinerator, we call for:

- Investment in local recycling and composting facilities
- Support for waste reduction programs that create more local jobs
- Development of circular economy hubs that process and reuse materials safely in the region.

We respectfully ask the NSW Parliament to:

1. Reject approval of the proposed Parkes Waste to Energy incineration project.
2. Protect regional health, agriculture, and the environment by enforcing stricter safeguards against high emission waste projects.
3. Invest instead in clean, job-rich recycling and circular economy industries across regional NSW.

We want real waste solutions!! not pollution in disguise!!