

Submission
No 739

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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I am a farmer in Parkes area of NSW. My livelihood is grain growing and beef cattle. I have lived here since 1982 and have had close family history here with other family who have lived here since the early 1900's all of which have been growing grain crops, sheep for meat and wool and also cattle for beef production.

I am totally against the Waste-to—Energy incinerator being located at Parkes as one of the four allocated in NSW. I find it quite discriminating that Parkes Special Activation Precinct, West Lithgow Precinct, Southern Goulbourn Mulwaree Precinct and the Richmond Valley Regional Precinct are the four sites closed in NSW whilst these incinerators are banned in the rest of NSW, due to health concerns.

I feel that the toxins emitted by the incinerator (despite being small amounts) will gradually build up in the soil, plant life and eaten by my stock. I am responsible to fill out required National Vendor Declaration (NVD) forms stating my stock are clear of any presence of hazardous toxins either through ingestion, or injection and that would also include inhalation.

I grow wheat, barley and oats, all of which are safe for human and stock consumption.

My argument is that with an incinerator operating close by us that the amount of toxins emitted 24/7, 7 days a week gradually build up in the soil, plant life, stock and human life.

I could lose my health and if detected in my grain and cattle, my income. No income means no money and we are poorer through living mental and health issues. Frankly, I cannot see any compensation being paid on account that it won't be just myself but countless other farmers / graziers who will be affected as well.

I firmly believe that in the preceding years, that any information that was given by the _____ at the time was worded carefully in a way that people did not understand what was happening, therefore not given a chance to understand what was going on. I feel this was a misconstruing wording to the effect that people were ignorant through the wordings given in any statements from the shire through any form of public communication. Why was _____, as I was told, for the Special Activation Precinct. It was not done in the best interest of the Parkes shire council and surrounding communities. So why has _____, benefited from this?