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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To whom it may concern,

As a young person living in this region, I strongly oppose the proposed Energy from Waste incinerator planned for Parkes. My generation will be the one forced to live with the long-term consequences of the decisions being made today and we refuse to be ignored when it comes to the future of our environment and our communities.

The incinerator threatens the health of our air, land, and water, resources we rely on not just to live, but to thrive. Pollution from incineration doesn't just disappear; it lingers, affecting ecosystems and increasing the risk of disease. Locating this facility in a regional town like Parkes is not only dangerous, it's deeply unjust. It sends a clear message that our communities are disposable, that our voices don't matter, and that our wellbeing is secondary to urban convenience.

Young people across Australia are calling for real, future-focused solutions. Investment in recycling systems, innovation in waste reduction, and legislation that makes polluters - especially large corporations - accountable for the damage they cause. We want policies that encourage sustainable design, reuse, and biodegradable alternatives, not short-sighted schemes that burn waste and call it progress.

We deserve a future where our communities are respected and protected, not sacrificed for the failures of an unsustainable system. This incinerator is not the answer. We are asking loudly, clearly, and urgently for leaders to listen to youth voices and protect our future.

Sincerely,

on behalf of concerned local youth.