

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

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Submission: Opposition to Proposed Waste Incinerator in Tarago

I strongly oppose the proposal to build a waste incinerator in Tarago. This project poses a direct threat to our agricultural way of life, our environment, and the value of our land.

The family farms in Tarago are where we grow crops, produce hay, and graze livestock. Our success depends on clean air, healthy soil, and uncontaminated water. A waste incinerator would release harmful pollutants such as dioxins and heavy metals, which can settle on pasture, crops, and waterways. Even low levels of these toxins can harm animal health, contaminate food, and undermine the safety and reputation of local produce.

Beyond the environmental risk, the project would immediately devalue our properties and the rural communities around us. My family has invested generations of hard work into maintaining and improving this land. The presence of an industrial waste burner nearby — with its emissions, truck traffic, and their significant impacts — would make the area far less desirable for farming, living, or investment. Once land values and public confidence are lost, they cannot be restored.

Tarago deserves investment in industries that complement our agricultural strengths and rural lifestyle, not ones that endanger them. This proposal is short-sighted and inconsistent with a sustainable regional future. This company has also already shown that it is not reliable and truthful, the current waste management there is a disgrace and our poor town smells like a horrid rotting tip most days of the week, you have to smell it yourself to believe it.

I urge Parliament to reject this waste incinerator proposal and instead prioritise clean, circular waste solutions that protect the health, productivity, and value of farming communities like Tarago.