

Submission  
No 756

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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As a resident who has lived in Parkes my whole life, I am writing to you to raise my concerns, along with justification for opposing the Parkes Energy-from-Waste facility, or any similar project. My family has lived in Parkes for over three generations, and I am now raising my own family here, with no desire to leave, until the proposed development of the proposed energy from waste facility in my town.

My submission addresses many of the items listed within the Terms of reference - Proposed energy from waste facilities - updated 3 September 2025.

My opposition to this project stems from the fact that it cannot be proven the facility will not have health impacts from the spread of toxic emissions, such as dioxins and fine particles. There is no proof that it will not impact regional town drinking water, rainwater harvesting and will not contaminate the soil. There is no evidence that this project will not have an impact on agriculture locally and across the wider region.

This project threatens to contaminate our clean air, water and soil quality. Contamination threatens the residents, local fauna and flora, agricultural sector, and with Parkes being a major food producer, any perceived risk should be acknowledged.

It is not comforting, nor does it allow me to support such a project when the NSW Government has approved our region as one of only four places in the entire state where large-scale Energy-from-Waste (EfW) incinerators can be built, after declaring these facilities too risky for Sydney by the NSW EPA.

Thermal Energy from Waste is prohibited in NSW and the ACT due to the health risks and is being phased out overseas. It is not equitable that the regulation that prohibits thermal Energy from Waste in NSW, is relevant everywhere in the state, excluding four regional areas, including Parkes.

Regional NSW deserves health and environmental protections.

The proposed Parkes project has already impacted me and my family. Our future plans and quality of life have been affected; we have put our house build on hold, have looked

at alternative places to live; and as a parent have been burdened with the worry for the future of my children.

Unless a large scale, baseline screening assessment for both humans and the environment is undertaken to prove the facility is safe, this development should not proceed, hence my objection to the project.

Finally, this project is not the solution to manage residual waste produced by Greater Sydney, or any waste in NSW. More responsibility needs to be pushed back onto the manufacturer; to change the way they produce. Alternative solutions should be considered, such as waste reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives, cold energy from waste technologies etc.

Yours Sincerely

Long time and concerned resident of Parkes and NSW