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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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I am a retired educator and chose to make Parkes my forever home. I built my home here 10 years ago, on the edge of town closest to the proposed incinerator site.

I am concerned about the devaluing of my home when it comes time to sell due to proximity to the incinerator.

I am against the proposed Energy from waste facility being built in Parkes a predominately farming and grazing area with associated industries.

I choose to enjoy my own little food production patch in my backyard, harvesting my own rainwater to water. I worry that my collection of water from my roof will contain contaminants produced by the incinerator. I wash my clothes using the same rainwater, so absorption by the skin is a real concern of mine.

I worry that the goodness of my soil will be compromised too by airborne contaminants

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Therefore, I worry that my body and those of my children and grandchildren will also consume food affected by contaminants.

So multiply my fears from using my backyard garden to hectares and hectares owned by the farming communities, How can any of those communities cope with the contamination to groundwater, soil, natures pollinators, and seen in the lowering of prices of various commodities received at market level? I worry for our mental health.

Why is it ok for an incinerator with all of its emissions be built in our patch, when it's not ok to be built at the source of the waste? It makes me so angry to think that our health and livelihood have no value.

Why can't the producers of plastics used for plastic packaging be targeted to find ways/ invent more environmentally safe products? Instead of building an incinerator, this money could be used for creating a true answer to the eradication of the need for one.