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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is _____, and I am an 18-year-old farmer who has grown up in the Parkes district. My family has lived and worked on the land here for generations, producing grain and livestock that contribute to both our local economy and the wider food supply. I'm proud to call Parkes home and hope to continue building my future here — but I am extremely concerned about the proposed waste incinerator planned within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct (SAP).

This project poses a serious threat to the environment that sustains our town and our farming community. Burning Sydney's waste so close to our farmland risks toxic emissions entering the air, polluting our soil and water, and impacting our crops and animals. For those of us who plan to live and work here for decades to come, these are not short-term concerns — they could shape the rest of our lives.

I am also disappointed by the lack of genuine consultation with the community. It's clear that Council has been aware of this project since 2019, yet the people of Parkes were not properly informed about what was being proposed. Only two weeks before the company's so-called "community consultation" was the project finally referred to as what it really is — an incinerator. It feels like there was a deliberate effort to avoid open discussion because they knew how the community would respond.

There continues to be misinformation about the SAP and the true impact of this proposal. As a young person trying to plan a future in agriculture, this uncertainty is worrying. If this project goes ahead, I honestly don't know whether I could see a future for myself in Parkes. The risk to our environment, our health, and our livelihoods is too great.

I urge the inquiry to listen to the people who live here — especially the younger generation, who will inherit the consequences of this decision. The health of our community and the protection of our land should always come first.

Sincerely,

18-Year-Old Local Farmer – Parkes District