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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
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## Submission to Parliament: Opposition to the Proposed Incinerator in Parkes

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed incinerator facility in Parkes, which is intended to burn Sydney's rubbish.

As a long-time resident of this region, I am deeply concerned about the short- and long-term consequences this incinerator will have—not only on my family, but on the wider community, the surrounding environment, and future generations.

First and foremost, the health risks associated with incineration are undeniable. The release of toxic emissions and particulate matter into the air we breathe poses a direct threat to our well-being. Studies around the world have shown increased rates of respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer in communities located near incinerators. Why should my family, my neighbours, and our children be exposed to such dangers—especially for the sake of managing Sydney's waste, which is not of our making?

Equally concerning is the potential contamination of our farmlands. This region is home to hardworking farmers who provide clean, safe food not only to our community, but to consumers across New South Wales and beyond. Any pollution—whether through air, soil, or water—puts our agricultural integrity at serious risk. Once our land is compromised, there is no going back.

Parkes is a peaceful, quiet place—one we are proud to call home. This proposal threatens to destroy that way of life. The construction and ongoing operation of a massive waste-burning facility in our backyard will turn our rural haven into an industrial dumping ground. That is not progress. That is environmental and social degradation disguised as waste management.

This incinerator is not a solution. It is a major problem. And, if allowed to proceed, the problems will only snowball from there—health impacts, environmental damage, economic decline, and a deepening divide between the people and those elected to represent them.

It breaks my heart to think that those behind this project appear to care so little for the lives that will be directly affected. Their motivations seem rooted not in the public good, but in private profit. I am especially disheartened to hear that our own Council (not all members but most) are in support for this proposal. Where is their loyalty? It certainly does not appear to lie with the very community they were elected to serve and protect. What are they gaining from this? They have not once been transparent in any way. The people of Parkes deserve honest answers.

In closing, I urge all members of Parliament to reject this proposal and stand with the people of Parkes. We did not ask for Sydney's rubbish to be burned here. We did not agree to put our health, our land, or our future on the line. We deserve better.

Sincerely,

A very concerned mother & outraged resident of Parkes