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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **Submission Opposing the Proposed Waste Incinerator – Parkes Shire**

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_, Concerned Resident

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed waste incinerator planned for Parkes Shire.

My wife and I moved to Parkes for a better life just like so many families who have come here over the years. We were drawn to this area because of its clean environment, its sense of community, and the hope of building a safe future for our children and grandchildren.

That's why this proposal is so deeply upsetting.

We have two children who are both married and living on nearby farms. They grow crops and raise cattle continuing a proud tradition that has been in our family for generations. The threat this incinerator poses to their land, their livelihoods, and the integrity of the food they produce is very real. One bad headline or environmental incident could be enough to destroy years of hard work and damage the reputation of this region.

It's not just the farms that are at risk. Our **entire community stands to lose** if this goes ahead.

If this facility is approved, it could drive people away from Parkes especially young families worried about health risks. And if people start leaving, our **small local businesses will suffer**. These are the shops, cafes, tradies, and services that keep our town going. We need to be supporting them, not putting them in a position where they lose customers and close their doors.

Property values are another big concern. Who is going to want to buy a house or a block of land near a toxic incinerator? For many of us, our homes and farms are our biggest assets and we've worked hard all our lives to hold onto them. We shouldn't have to sit back and watch their value decline because of a facility no one asked for and few seem to want.

Above all, the biggest concern for us is **health**. We are talking about burning toxic materials near schools, farms, homes, and water sources. It doesn't make sense. Who is going to compensate us for all of this? Our children and grandchildren deserve to grow up in a healthy environment, not one filled with pollution and risk.

There has also been a real **lack of transparency** around this proposal. People in the community are only now starting to find out what's being planned long after key decisions have already been made. That's not how a community should be treated. Why was it?

We came here because we believed Parkes was a place where families could thrive. If this incinerator goes ahead, we'll be forced to question whether that's still true. It's not something we ever imagined we'd have to consider but like many others, we will not stand by silently while the future of our town is put at risk.

Sincerely,

Parkes Shire Resident