

Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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I am writing to voice my concerns that this proposal has not been shelved due to the significant concerns by local residents and farmers who are well within the toxic bloom of such a facility.

The bloom can carry several hundreds of kms affecting the health and financial security of farmers, residents, their families, children, their crops, wool, meat and water supplies. The bloom can and will also affect the Sydney water supply with toxic metals and ash.

Dioxins and Furans highly toxic pollutants which can form and are a major health concern associated with Cancer, reproduction and developmental disorders.

Heavy Metals, such as Mercury, Lead, Cadmium and Arsenic can cause serious health issues if exposed to them, which will be unavoidable for anyone within hundreds of kms of the site.

Acid gases such as Sulphur oxides and Nitrogen oxides contribute to serious respiratory health issues.

Ash from the burning of waste removes many toxins but, concentrates them in the ash, the ash will then settle in and on homes, in water supplies, on stock contaminating the wool, their water and food supplies, then ingested by stock and getting into the food chain via the stock food and water, home gardens and crops. **Is our health and well being of such little importance to the Government?**

The Hon Penny Sharpe stated a few years ago that a Waste to Energy facility could not be located in Sydney's West. Why?

If it was not safe there then, it is not safe in our backyard either. Waste should be dealt with in the area it is created, we are not a dumping ground for rubbish, with excessive amounts of rubbish from Sydney and Canberra being trucked and trained in every day, decreasing the life of the site. Viola have been fined several times for breaches of the environment causing contamination in local streams, they pay the pittance of a fine and carry on regardless. Regulations are not strong enough for any of these environmental breaches.

European countries are ceasing the use of Waste to Energy furnaces, due to environmental concerns. they are now working on Zero Waste, instead of following what has been tried and failed overseas, lets catch up to where they are now, we are apparently 30 yrs behind Europe. Decrease the amount of nonrecyclable landfill imported into our country. Increase the recycling industry in Australia, while increasing a ZERO WASTE society.

With only 4% to 6% of Australia being arable land why would we contaminate such a small portion with forever chemicals and metals? We have to be able to grow good quality food and fibre to feed the population, otherwise we are importing contaminated foods from overseas, which then causes health and development issues, not to mention financial strain on the population from having to import food to survive.

I totally oppose the use of Waste to Energy Furnaces or Incinerators in any setting on the grounds of the toxic fumes, gases and ash endangering our community our environment and the wider population.