

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

Name: Name suppressed

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Submission to NSW Parliament Re:

PARKES ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

My name is _____ and reside in Molong NSW. Some 70km's east of Parkes and my eldest daughter and grand son reside in Parkes. I lodge my strongest objection to the proposed Energy-From Waste facility based on the following:

Obvious and severe double standards, Facility was banned from being constructed in the Sydney Basin, but somehow now stands to be approved in regional areas.

Negative health effects on local communities and a broader 150km radius to be impacted by smoke plume which includes major regional towns like: Molong Orange Blayney Clowra Foorbes to name a few. The close proximity of the proposed site of the Parkes Christian School. Energy-from-Waste incinerators contribute to air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and produce ash laden with harmful chemicals. Locating one near culturally significant areas and farming communities threatens not only biodiversity and soil quality but also the reputation of our regional produce.

The lack of consultation with the broader community outside of Parkes.

Global Transition Away from EfW

EfW production requires waste to be generated so that it can be used as a fuel source, using a linear, 'take, make, dispose' economic model. This destroys valuable resources and their embodied energy, and undermines efforts to move to a circular 'reduce, reuse and recycle' economy.

Countries like Wales have phased out large scale Energy-from-Waste facilities in their transition to a circular economy, as projections show that they will not generate enough waste to keep them operational throughout their operation life as they reach waste reduction and recycling targets.

Energy-from-Waste incinerators have long contracts of 30-40 years. This commitment to waste production for fuel undermines the Australian Government's, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 'Australia's Circular Economy Framework' goals of reducing landfill waste.

Precautionary Workforce Departure

The facility is being promoted as providing only 50 long term jobs for our community, while 54 farmers, 42 healthcare workers, and 32 educators have stated they will take the precautionary step of moving away from Parkes if the proposed Energy-from-Waste incinerator is approved.

Better Alternatives

Methods such as composting and anaerobic digestion offer environmentally friendly alternatives to manage waste, producing energy without the harmful emissions associated with incineration.

I strongly request and demand that this proposal be rejected and other

Yours Respectively