

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

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Confidential

Hello, My Name is _____ and I am a born and bred Parkes Local for over 38 years, who with my husband both still work in Parkes and continue to wish to bring our family up here for many years to come.

I **oppose** the building of this Incinerator Project, and would like to share some of my concerns and the potential **very negative** impact this will have on our community and farm land.

My family have run a farming business here for over 50 years and three generations. To which our sons are very much apart of.

I have **grave concerns** about the possible contamination to our farming land, the water and soil quality to which we use to produce valuable products we use this land to produce - grain and meat for human consumption.. This area around Parkes is a major agricultural producer; to put this in jeopardy is too huge a risk for the agricultural sector.

My workplace, Parkes Christian School is **located in close proximity of the Proposed Incinerator**. How dare something so dangerous be placed so close to a school of 400 plus children. I have **concerns for the safety** of all the students and staff of the school. I am in administration, and I work with young children every day. I am **deeply concerned about the long-term impacts that the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste (EfW) facility may have on the health and development of the children**. Their growing bodies are more vulnerable to pollution and environmental stress, and I believe this project introduces unnecessary and unacceptable risks into their lives. While I understand the need to manage waste responsibly, I do not believe this facility is in the best interests of our community or environment.

I feel the negative environmental, health and economic risks will far outweigh any potential gains proposed Incinerator may give.

Risks to Water Supply (Including Tank Water) Many rural and semi-rural residents in the Parkes area rely entirely on tank water for domestic and agricultural use. Airborne pollutants emitted from EfW facilities—particularly fine particulate matter and acidic gases—can settle on roofs and enter water tanks, contaminating the only available source of drinking water. The long-term impacts on water quality and health have not been adequately studied in this specific context. We live on a farm only kilometres from the Proposed site and re RELY on our rain water. We dont have access to town water.

Mental health and community wellbeing has been greatly affected by the uncertainty and fear surrounding this facility. Residents are experiencing heightened anxiety, stress, and a sense of powerlessness. The long-term mental health burden of living near a highrisk industrial facility must not be underestimated.

If the proposed Incinerator is so safe, why isn't it built closer to Sydney? Why has Parkes Council been so secretive about the who process? Why has there been transparency? Every question that gets asked, is never answered clearly, and is given a “glossed over muddy water” answer..

I certainly oppose this proposal and request that alternative waste management solutions be investigated that do not pose a risk to the environment where my children will be going to school. **Dont all Australian kids deserve to go to school where they are in a safe and healthy environment? If this Incinerator goes ahead, we are putting the school children at a disadvantage..**

I also ask that you reject this proposal and instead, be a voice for our children, be a voice to protect our local community and productive rural life that it currently provides.

The people of Parkes, especially our next generation of children, and surrounding communities deserve clean air, safe water, and a healthy environment—not to bear the long-term risks of a project that offers questionable benefits and significant, irreversible harm

Ask yourself.. Would you still buy fresh produce if you knew it was grown from an area close to a disgusting incinerator? Would you still eat the meat from animals in paddocks next to the incinerator?

Kind Regards,