

Submission  
No 782

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **To Whom It May Concern,**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I have lived in the Parkes Shire for over 50 years. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed energy-from-waste incinerator planned for our region.

I am deeply concerned that Parkes has been chosen to host this facility, particularly when similar projects have been rejected in other parts of New South Wales. Why is this being allowed here? Sydney's red bin waste is not our responsibility, and it should not be dumped on rural communities like ours simply because we are seen as having less political power or visibility.

It is alarming that energy-from-waste incinerators are prohibited in most of NSW — yet somehow Parkes, along with just three other regional areas, has been selected. If this facility isn't safe for Sydney, why are we being told it's safe for Parkes? This double standard is unacceptable.

I have serious concerns about the health impacts on our community, especially my own family, who already have existing health issues. We use tank water for drinking, and harmful emissions like PFAS which science shows can be dangerous even in small amounts could easily contaminate our supply. The health and environmental risks are far too great.

What angers me most is the lack of consultation. We've now learned that planning for this project has been underway for seven years, but the community was only informed recently. That feels like a deliberate attempt to keep us in the dark.

Any risk to public health and the environment is too high a price to pay. I urge you to stop this proposal and protect our community.

Sincerely,

Parkes Shire Resident