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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste incinerator. As a member of a long-standing farming family who continues to live and raise a young family on the land, I feel deeply concerned about the risks this facility poses to our community, our health, and the integrity of our local environment. I also work within the education system and see firsthand the importance of ensuring a safe, sustainable future for the next generation — something this project threatens to undermine.

The proposed incinerator raises serious safety and health concerns for all residents of Parkes and its surrounding districts. Emissions from such a facility, even when operating within stated limits, have the potential to release harmful pollutants into the air. These substances — including fine particulate matter and toxic compounds — are linked to respiratory and cardiovascular illness, and pose an unacceptable risk to vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

Equally troubling is the potential for contamination of the land and water that sustain our farms. Parkes and its surrounds are renowned for producing high-quality agricultural products. Introducing an incinerator into this environment could compromise not only the health of our soil, livestock, and crops, but also the reputation of our region's produce — something that has taken generations to build. Any contamination, however minor, could have devastating long-term economic and environmental consequences.

Beyond the immediate risks, there are unknown long-term effects that may not be apparent for years or even decades. Once such a facility is established, it is our community that will bear the consequences of any unforeseen environmental or health impacts. The lack of certainty surrounding these potential future outcomes should, in itself, be reason for extreme caution.

Parkes has long been a proud, thriving agricultural district built on clean air, fertile soil, and strong community values. Allowing an energy-from-waste incinerator to operate here would jeopardize these foundations. I urge decision-makers to prioritise the health of our people, our land, and our children's future over short-term industrial interests.