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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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I am a current resident of Parkes, NSW and I oppose the proposed waste to energy incinerator that is planned for Parkes.

I grew up on a farm just north west of Parkes, I still have family on that farm and living in the surrounding area. I have followed the information released and there still seems to be questions and no guarantees of safety for the community from the proposed incinerator.

Growing up on a farm we were reliant on tank water for drinking water and household use. There are many people in the shire that still rely on collected rain water and do not have access to town water that is tested or treated. Any pollution from the proposed incinerator will be on the roofs and therefore in the drinking water of those residents.

We know that just because something is unknown or unmonitored doesn't mean it will not cause detrimental health impacts. This is a serious risk given the issues Parkes residents currently have accessing health care. There are often long waits to see a GP of your choice, otherwise you see a different Locum doctor each visit sacrificing any continuity of care and relying on inconsistent follow up. I myself as well as a number of other people I know instead travel the 100kms to Orange to see a GP there, which is not an option for most people. These issues will compound any adverse health outcomes that result from the incinerator.

There is also the claim that only non-toxic waste will be burnt. I would ask where the waste is to be sorted? Recent garbage truck fires have proven that the general population can not be trusted to keep toxic materials such as batteries out of the general waste, so it will need to be sorted somewhere. If this sorting occurs at the proposed facility in Parkes then there are added risks of transporting and disposing of hazardous waste.

The issues and questions will cause people to leave the area. I don't see given the potential risks to the community that the proposed incinerator would have any benefit to the community.