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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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Confidential

My name is . I've lived in Parkes for most of my life, and I can't imagine calling anywhere else home. This is where I grew up, where I built my small business, and where I'm raising my children. Parkes isn't just a place to me it's part of who I am. Our town has always been proud of its clean air, open skies, and the strong, caring community that looks out for one another. That's why the idea of an incinerator being built here fills me and so many others with fear, sadness, and disbelief.

I worry deeply about what this will mean for our children. They deserve to breathe clean air, to grow up healthy, and to inherit a town that still feels safe and alive. The thought of toxic emissions hanging over our schools, homes, and playgrounds is unbearable. We are being asked to take a risk with something too precious to gamble our kids' health, our environment, and our future.

The environmental damage would reach far beyond what we can see. Our farms, our wildlife, our water, our soil everything that makes Parkes such a special part of regional NSW would be threatened. This isn't progress. It's a step backward, one that will leave scars for generations to come.

As a small business owner, I also see how this could harm the heart of our community. Parkes thrives because of its reputation a friendly, welcoming town surrounded by nature and opportunity. That's what draws people here, what keeps families, and what helps businesses like mine survive. An incinerator doesn't belong in that picture. It sends a message that our health, our children, and our way of life are expendable.

We are proud of our town and the future we're building. We're not against development or innovation we simply want it to be clean, responsible, and respectful of the people who live here. There are better, safer ways to manage waste that don't involve poisoning the air or threatening our children's futures.

I am begging you to listen to the people of Parkes the parents, the workers, the small business owners, the families who have been here for generations. We love our town. We are fighting for it because it's our home, and because we want our children to grow up knowing that we stood up for their right to breathe clean air and live safely in the place they call home.

Please, do not let this incinerator go ahead.

Sincerely,

Parkes, NSW

Small Business Owner and Parent