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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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As a farmer in the Tarago area the thought of an incinerator on our doorstep is truly scary. Our futures and livelihoods are on the line and it's time for the Government to step up and put an end to incinerators in NSW.

I can't even begin to fathom the consequences that are possible for my family as the risks are potentially huge. There is the concern of our land prices and the devaluing of our land should this go ahead and the economic effect this has the potential to have on our property. Our livestock that we sell to feed the people of NSW, the thought of will the grass they eat or water they drink be safe, will the meat they produce be deemed safe. What if the land we live on and the cattle we produce is condemned where do we go from there. Who will compensate us for poor decisions made by others? Can the Government afford to buy back millions of acres of farmland due to poor decision making after it is deemed unsafe to use due to an incinerator and it's harmful emissions? I dare say they couldn't. Veolia has already said they have no admission of guilt so where does that leave us?

What will be the effects of the incinerator on our farming land? How will the soil be impacted, what flow on effects will this have on the livestock and their drinking water, how will the air we breathe be contaminated, will my families drinking water be safe, will it still be safe to live here? These are all thoughts that have crossed my mind and from what I can conclude all of these things will never be the same if an incinerator were to go ahead.

The people of regional NSW are considered important by the Government when the Government needs or wants us, it's now the Government's turn to stand up for the people of regional NSW as we need them to make the right choice and ban incinerators in NSW. Stand up to a multinational company who sends their profits offshore, stand up for the producers that the people of Sydney rely on for meat, fruits and vegetables to name but a few, stand up for the young people and future farming generations out here and ensure they can live the lives they dream of in a safe environment. Stand up and say no to incinerators, they have no place in our region and no place in NSW.