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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Hi, my name is .

I first would like to state that I am against all plans of incineration of waste, not just proposals in rural areas but anywhere in Australia.

I am a stay-at-home mother to 3 daughters, ranging from ages 13 to 3 years of age. We live in Collector NSW, have lived here for 14 years and my husband and his family (parents and sisters) have lived here for over 30 years.

We are 20 kilometres from Woodlawn Eco-Precinct. (as the crow flies, probably even less)

I fear for the future of the health and safety of my family and the other residents around me.

Veolia are hoping to burn 380,000 tonnes of waste each year. That's 380,000 tonnes of toxic waste being emitted into the air, creating toxic ash and falling onto the surrounding areas. Areas, which Veolia have admitted to are rich in agriculture. Cattle, sheep, crops, poultry, eggs and wine. All exposed to the toxic plume and toxic ash, ingesting it, breathing it, existing in it. It doesn't just affect the agricultural land surrounding it, it affects the residents too. We will breathe in the pollutants, we will catch them on our roofs which will be washed down into our water tanks, which we use for drinking, cooking, bathing, or if we have bore water, our water table will be polluted too. We consume the livestock, poultry, eggs, crops, not only from the area surrounding Woodlawn, but also from our backyards. Being a rural town, most residents grow their own food, which (no surprise) will be contaminated too.

Waste ash contamination consists of Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) (dioxins, furans, pfas & pcbs) and heavy metals (lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium & thallium)

If toxic ash leaches into the groundwater aquifer under Tarago and Lake George it will contaminate bores, springs, creeks, rivers, lakes and dams, throughout the Sydney water catchment.

As a mother, my sole purpose is to care and provide for my daughters, how am I supposed to do that when we are surrounded by toxins, toxins that we can not escape.

Incinerators are not the answer. Incinerators are toxic.