

Submission
No 820

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission: Parkes Waste Recovery Project

Submitted by:

Resident of Parkes, NSW

My name is . I am a parent of three children one currently attends school locally, and two were planning to return home to work in allied health in the area. My husband and I are both professionals serving the Parkes community. My brother operates a mixed farming property approximately 50km from town, growing crops and raising livestock.

I am extremely concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed Parkes Waste Recovery Project on our **health, environment, and community well-being**. The risk of pollution to our air, land, and water is alarming, and I worry that **no professional, whether in medicine, education, or allied health, will consider bringing their family to live in Parkes** if an incinerator is built here. This has long-term implications for our town's growth, services, and sustainability.

I also own three properties in Parkes and am concerned that if the project proceeds, we **will not be able to sell or rent them**, which could create financial hardship for our family.

I pose the following questions:

1. How will the potential health risks from the incinerator be monitored and managed, particularly for children, families, and the broader community?
2. What measures will be put in place to ensure professionals feel safe moving to Parkes to work, and to prevent a long-term decline in skilled workers in our town?
3. How will property owners be compensated or protected if the project reduces the value or rental potential of their land?
4. What guarantees exist that local farming operations will not be impacted by emissions, soil contamination, or water pollution?
5. How will the mental health and social well-being of our community be supported during and after the project?

I demand that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process be stopped immediately until a **full independent inquiry** is completed. The people of Parkes deserve transparency, accountability, and genuine protection for our health, livelihoods, and future.

Sincerely,

Parkes Resident