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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission to the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry: Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre (ARC), Tarago

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre (ARC) waste incinerator at Tarago, NSW.

My family and I live very close to the proposed incinerator site on a farming property where we raise cattle and grow crops. This project poses a serious threat to our livelihood, our health, and the future value of our land. If it proceeds, the impacts of air pollution, toxic fallout, and odour could destroy the viability of our agricultural production and make our property unsafe and unsellable.

For over two decades, the Tarago community has already endured the negative impacts of Sydney's waste being transported here — two waste trains a day, bringing around 140 containers of rubbish. The persistent stench from the existing operations continues to affect our daily lives, despite repeated assurances that the issue would be addressed. If they cannot control the smell, how can they be trusted to manage the far more dangerous emissions from an incinerator?

The operator's environmental record is deeply concerning — with 352 breaches of environmental permits reported in the past year alone. This history demonstrates a lack of compliance and respect for both regulation and community wellbeing.

We are deeply worried about the potential contamination of our soil, air, and water, and the long-term risks to human and animal health. Tarago and surrounding farming communities should not be turned into Sydney's dumping ground.

For the health of our families, our animals, and our environment, I urge the Inquiry to reject the proposal for the Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre.

No incinerator at Tarago.