

Submission  
No 826

## INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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**Submission – Billy Joe Kennaugh**  
**Parkes Waste to Energy Incinerator Proposal**

My name is Billy Joe Kennaugh. I'm 45 years old, raised in Peak Hill, and still proudly living here. I work as a rural fencer and have strong ties to the land and to my community. My children live in Parkes. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed waste incinerator development in Parkes.

My biggest concern is for the health of my children, the elderly in our community, and people like myself who live and work outdoors, breathing in the air every day. Communities like Peak Hill and other small surrounding towns will feel the impacts of this just as much as Parkes, even though we were barely given a chance to be consulted or heard.

This proposal has come as a shock to many of us. It feels like it's being pushed through without proper community understanding or support. If this goes ahead, people will leave these smaller towns that are already struggling to keep schools, hospitals, and police stations open. We can't afford to lose more families or services.

Local businesses and farmers will also suffer. How can we expect to sell high-quality produce when it's grown in an area that could become known as a dumping ground for other people's rubbish?

The health risks, environmental damage, and the potential destruction of our region's reputation are too high a price to pay. This project does not belong in Parkes—or anywhere near our region.

Sincerely,  
**Billy Joe Kennaugh**