

Submission  
No 828

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **Submission – Jessica Klein**

My name is Jess Klein. I was born and raised in Parkes, and now I'm raising my own family here. I'm 39 years old, a proud mum of four school-aged children aged between 7 and 17. We live, work, and contribute to this community every single day.

Parkes is more than just where we live – it's our home. We love the wide open spaces, the clean, fresh air, and the peaceful lifestyle that comes from living away from the smoke, smog, and chaos of the city. This is a place where families can thrive, where kids can grow up safely, and where we can all enjoy the beauty of nature around us.

Our children attend \_\_\_\_\_, which is located near the incinerator site. As a mother, I am deeply concerned about any developments that may put their health – and the health of future generations – at risk. We have a responsibility to protect our children, our environment, and our community. Once our air, water, and soil are compromised, there is no easy way back.

The wellbeing of our families should be a priority in all decisions regarding waste management and industrial projects in Parkes. While I understand the need for progress, it cannot come at the cost of our health or the integrity of the place we call home.

I urge decision-makers to consider the long-term impacts on our children and to prioritise sustainable, safe solutions that protect our town, our families, and our future.

Jessica Klein

Parkes Resident, Mother of Four