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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
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RE: Proposed Parkes Energy from Waste Incinerator

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THE PROPOSED WASTE FOR ENERGY INCINERATOR.

I am a 70 year old farmer from Parkes NSW. I have lived and farmed in the Parkes Shire council all my life. I cannot comprehend how a Waste from Energy (WtE) Incinerator can benefit our community. We are primarily an agricultural area. To build a toxic incinerator to contaminate the very food that you and I eat does not make sense.

Sydney has a landfill problem, but to place the burden of their problem, not only on our small community, but that of our neighbouring councils, is unconscionable. The announcement in March 2025, of the proposed construction of WtE Incinerator came as a shock to many residents. Where was all the community consultation by the NSW Government or the Parkes Shire Council? The SAP was touted as a transport hub, which we all welcomed, not a dumping ground for Sydney's garbage.

The NSW government has stated that it is unsafe for the population and environment of Sydney and in fact all of NSW except for four Special Activation Precincts (SAP). The NSW Government know that there could be health issues for the population; they know that the environment could be compromised; yet no consideration has been given to our health, our livelihoods or environment. Why?

How will this affect me and other farmers in our shire? After reading what has happened to overseas produce, I'm afraid the very same will happen here from the toxic fumes that contain poisonous dioxins and furans. The

The Regional Growth NSW & Parkes Energy Recovery have claimed that 50 permanent jobs will be created but how many jobs will be lost when our produce is contaminated with PFAS and is deemed unsaleable. Australia has a clean green reputation around the world, the central western farmers are huge producers of local and export goods. That reputation cannot be jeopardized. Once the damage has been done, what then? Is it not better to protect than to potentially harm our soil and water, our agricultural industry?

The NSW government need to be looking into more efficient recycling programs. As a farmer, I see plastic wrapping around every pallet of goods I purchase, such as dog food, chemical drums, seed and livestock pellets. It makes it easier for transporting but it can't be recycled. Single use plastic was banned in 2022, why hasn't it extended into other industries other than retail.

Landfill is a problem. The NSW government want an easy fix. But when you have European, Asian and American countries turning away from WtE incineration due to cost and job losses, why would NSW want to build them.

Yours Sincerely

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