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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Parkes incinerator

I own a property in Parkes NSW and wish to add my concerns about the proposed incinerator.

This is our town we don't want Sydney's 600,000 tons of waste burnt here with approx 7 tons a year, according to the Parkes Energy Recovery, of residual ash fallout and toxins affecting our town -

our children's health, our health, our water supply's health, our crops and livestock's health are at risk.

How are farmers going to sign their National Vendors Declaration that their livestock and grain are free of toxins? Our clean green image will be tainted while they are burning 600,000 tones of rubbish on the outskirts of Parkes. Each year the quantity of rubbish will only increase.

Farmers fear losing their future if no one wants their produce due to contamination. If the water table is contaminated and it affects our grain then it affects food consumption which effects everyone.

From the proposed location of the incinerator there is not even a good 5 kilometre radius from the town as protection and there is some suggestion that fallout would affect our rural environment up to 150 kilometres.

It is believed that the location chosen for the special activation precinct was sold by a then council member.

What happens when fallout hits our rivers and lakes via runoff and potential acid rain.

What about the farmers who butt onto this facility their land will become worthless. They would need to be given compensation.

The pollution issues would be an ongoing problem for generations to come. I wonder whether cancer cases would be on the increase for the Central West! Are we going to be the Guinea pigs and why doesn't anyone want it in their back yard. NSW Government banned it to be constructed in high density populations due to health risks.

Mr Bowen as Federal minister for climate change and energy for all of Australia was so animated in Parliament against the facility being built at Eastern Creek in 2021, to take Sydney's waste but why isn't he doing the same for Parkes. What about the rest of Australia don't we count?

Most of the year Parkes is under water restrictions so where are they going to find the water to generate this facility?

We have not had proper consultation procedures. We feel we have been railroaded with no information or studies on the likely fallout. It's such new technology what about the probability of birth defects, chronic lung disease, remember the new safe building material called asbestos! Wonder how much asbestos rubbish is concealed in the 600,000 tons.

Most of Australia is uninhabitable why set up this incinerator in one of the most productive food bowls in Australia.

We the people of Parkes and surrounds would like to put this decision to a vote if it is such a great idea.

Advice to Government.

Find a suitable area in the uninhabitable areas of Australia where very few animals and plants reside not next to a thriving town who were so excited about the new developments as a freight hub for rural produce. We thought the Special Activation Precinct was a great push forward for Parkes and now we discover it is going to be a hub to incinerate Sydney's Waste!

The health impacts of waste incineration: a systematic review, recommended that,

1. Since there has been insufficient time for health effects of newer technology to emerge, a precautionary approach to licensing and monitoring incinerators must continue.

2. New incinerators should be located away from areas of food production.

3. Food grown near an incinerator should be avoided.

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