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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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The proposal offends all the principles of ecologically sustainable development but beyond that it shows an utterly indefensible discrimination between Sydney and the regions. A waste incinerator in Eastern Creek in Sydney was rejected by the NSW Independent Planning Commission for reasons including concerns about safety, insufficient evidence that the pollution control technologies would be capable of managing emissions, concern about the relationship between air quality impacts and water quality impacts, the possibility of adverse environmental outcomes, and concern about site suitability and human health impacts. To date, the NSW Government has banned toxic waste incinerators in Sydney due to the risk to human health. If this project is to proceed then the politicians will need to explain why they value the health of children in Sydney more highly than that of children in the regions. There are more and more health reports on the ABC and elsewhere in the media as to the damage that air pollution is causing and the lack of knowledge as to the chemicals that are being used in modern packaging and other products. Asbestosis, lung and other cancers could have been avoided or at least mitigated through proper regulation. Cancers in young people are on the increase because there has not been sufficient research. Politicians must act to protect the vulnerable. While in no way suggesting that it is the case here, corruption has been exposed in NSW governments in the past. There have now been recent media reports as to retired politicians becoming lobbyists and having secret meetings with government ministers and public servants. The Inquiry must ensure that there is absolute transparency and that all meetings relating to the proposed project are fully disclosed. In conclusion, for the sake of the precautionary principle, inter-generational equity, regional fairness and a myriad of other reasons, the proposed project should be unequivocally rejected.