

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Dear Members of Parliament,

As a resident of this beautiful part of NSW I strongly oppose proposed waste-to-energy incinerator in Tarago, NSW, submitted by Veolia.

I urge you to reject the approval of this project for the following key reasons:

Health and Environmental Risks: Waste incineration releases harmful pollutants, including dioxins, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. These toxins pose serious health risks, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. The potential for air quality deterioration in a rural community like Tarago, where many residents live close to the proposed site, cannot be ignored. All these have been proven to be carcinogenic.

Increased Carbon Emissions: While waste-to-energy projects are often marketed as environmentally beneficial, they contribute significantly to carbon emissions. The incineration of waste releases large amounts of CO₂, undermining efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change. This is contrary to NSW's environmental goals of achieving net-zero emissions.

Unfair Burden on Local Communities: Local communities in Tarago should not have to bear the negative consequences of waste incineration, especially when the majority of the waste will come from the Sydney metropolitan area. If such an incinerator is deemed necessary, it should be located closer to the source of the waste, where the burden is more fairly shared, rather than placing it in a rural community that is not equipped to handle such a high-risk facility.

Public Opposition and Community Wellbeing: The proposal has been met with strong opposition from the local community, many of whom fear the long-term impacts on their health and quality of life. The project poses an unacceptable risk to a rural area that is home to families, farmers, and small businesses.

Lack of Social License: The project has failed to secure the support of the community it intends to serve. It is clear that the local population does not want this incinerator, and forcing such a high-risk facility upon them would be an infringement on their right to live in a healthy and safe environment.

In conclusion, the approval of this incinerator would be a step backward in our efforts to protect public health, the environment, and the future of NSW. I urge you to reject the proposed incinerator in Tarago and invest in safer, more sustainable waste management practices that align with the values and wellbeing of our communities.

Thank you and please do not let this incinerator to proceed.