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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
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I am currently in my 3rd year of studying a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at the University of Newcastle. I adored my childhood in Parkes, my education and participation in multiple sports teams are strong factors contributing to this and I often consider how special it would be to move back to Parkes after uni and raise my children there, so they can have a similar, wholesome childhood just as I did. However, if this incinerator were to go ahead, there is absolutely no way I would consider moving back to Parkes whatsoever and risking my own health and that of my future husband and children. I have a keen interest in venturing into either neuro rehabilitation or paediatrics upon graduating from university and I know that there is a massive shortage of occupational therapists in this two areas in the central west. But it is without a doubt that I will not risk my health by returning home if this incinerator goes ahead, despite the crucial need for my clinical skills and deliverance of health care to rural communities. Further, my mother is a teacher in Parkes and has been for over 30 years and holds her school community close to her heart. However, if the incinerator goes ahead, she will move out of Parkes so as to not risk her health, and this would be such a devastation to her school community who value her highly. Similarly, my brother is a farmer and has two twin daughters who he is the sole carer for. They will leave town if this is incinerator goes ahead, and surely by this point I don't have to provide a reason why. But I will, and it is due to the disgusting health risks that this incinerator would bring to the town. They won't be the only ones, rather some of many, many other residents who will be doing the same.