

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

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## Submission Against the Proposed Waste Incinerator – Parkes Shire

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live in **Mandagery**, in the Parkes Shire, with my husband and our daughter. I work part-time in the \_\_\_\_\_ section at \_\_\_\_\_ usually two to three days per week. I'm also a cancer survivor I was diagnosed with **Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2017**, which our doctors believe may have been caused by long-term exposure to agricultural chemicals where we previously lived.

Because of that experience, we made a very conscious decision three years ago to move to this part of Parkes. We chose the east side of town because it was known for clean air, grazing land, and a quieter, safer lifestyle. We were looking for a healthier environment not just for me, but for our daughter and our future as a family.

At no point during the buying process were we told that a waste incinerator was being proposed nearby. If we had known, we never would have made the move. We feel completely misled. Since then, there has been very little open and honest communication from Council about this project. It feels like it was hidden from us until it was too far along to stop.

I work in the heart of Parkes and speak with locals and visitors regularly. People are worried about their health, their homes, their land, and their children. I'm one of them. I know what it's like to face cancer, and I know what stress does to the body. We moved here to **get away from that risk**, and now it's being brought right to our doorstep without our consent.

This facility will be just **from** \_\_\_\_\_, where my daughter attends. My granddaughter also lives in Parkes and goes to \_\_\_\_\_. How can anyone justify putting this kind of project so close to schools, homes, farms, and families?

The air we breathe, the water we use, and the soil we live on should not be compromised. Once it is, there's no going back. The mental stress of this looming project is already impacting my health and that of my family. Pollution and uncertainty are not things we signed up for.

And beyond health, what happens to the value of our property? Who will want to live here if we're known as the town that burns Sydney's waste? Who will support local businesses like the hotel I work at, when visitors start staying away?

I am proud of where I live and the life we've built here, but if this incinerator goes ahead, we will have no choice but to **leave again not because we want to, but because we'll have to**. That's not fair to families like ours who moved here for a better future.

I strongly object to this proposal. The risks far outweigh any possible benefit. Parkes Shire should be focusing on **clean agriculture, health, and families** not toxic waste.

Please listen to the people who actually live and work here. We matter, and our future matters.

Sincerely,

Mandagery, Parkes Shire