

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

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I write to you as a former resident of Parkes and to raise my serious concerns over the councils attempt to bring in this waste facility.

What is council getting out of this? What are the positive impacts for the town other than monetary gain to council? Will councillors gift themselves another pay rise after this?

Do the councillors live in the fallout zone or just the residents who have no control?

Wouldn't it be prudent and transparent to show the area where councillors and their families live so the people of Parkes can confirm that this will have a personal impact on them as much as the rest of the town?

Parkes has an aging population who's health will suffer greatly from this decision. Why does Parkes council no longer care about its residents? Children/adults with asthma or long term complications from COVID will also suffer. Really, any resident has the potential to incur serious health issues from this decision. Is council simultaneously opening a compensation fund for any negative health outcomes from its decision?

Is the cash injection for this plant really more significant than the health of a vibrant, small community that provides a safe haven for people who don't wish to live in the smog of a large city? You want people to move to the area, yet if you proceed with this you will offer them nothing better than living in a suburb of Sydney. In fact, it will be harder to encourage people to move there given the lack of resources the town already faces.

Personally, my father is a long term resident of Parkes, and lives with Asbestosis, as does many of the people in his age group due to unsafe working conditions in the 70's & 80's. Does he not matter now? What if the plant directly impacts his home. Does he have to move because of your decisions? Will the council assist monetarily for him to move to a safer location or pay for his funeral should this decrease his life expectancy?

This decision is a personal affront to the people of Parkes. The people who have built this town and fund the wages of the councillors who are making this adversarial decision.

What resources are being implemented to handle the increase in health concerns and exacerbation of current symptoms due to the lower air quality?

When people come from far and wide for the Elvis festival should they bring their trash with them to make the facilitation of transporting out of area waste to this location easier? Or, will the town be submitted to increase traffic and pollution from trucks and trains delivery Sydney's trash? If Sydney can't cope with its rubbish, perhaps it should stop bringing people in from all over the world to live there instead of making it everyone else's problem.

Has the Parkes council forgotten its civil duty under part 5 of the Civil Liability Act 2002, because while there are some exceptions to this part, this decision absolutely deserves scrutiny under legal concepts.

Until the council can show that councillors and their families will be just as much affected as other residents, they must not vote for this disastrous idea. Don't abandon the people who made the town you have the privilege, not right, to be a councillor for.