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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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As a third generation farmer in the Parkes area my family and I personally have put a substantial amount of our lives into building our livelihoods and investing back into agriculture. A substantial portion of my property falls within the 10km radius which current research suggests is impacted by these incinerators around the world. This incinerator puts all of the decades of time, effort and investment I, and my family before me have put in, at risk. Our industry relies heavily on the fact that our customers are consistently provided with safe reliable produce, if this incinerator goes ahead I can't honestly tell my consumers they are getting a safe product because I simply don't know if that is true. Given the level of uncertainty around burning these waste products, there will almost certainly be an impact on consumer confidence in food from this area. This would heavily affect the prices we can expect to receive for our produce and also impact land values as a result of both the possible land contamination and the impact on our poorer produce pricing. The uncertainty around this development is bad enough for it not to go ahead but this says nothing of the impact that would occur should the worst case scenario unfold of contamination of the people, livestock, other produce and soils be found to have happened at a point in the future. I, personally could, and probably would, lose everything I have spent my life working for. My health and the health of my family would be adversely affected and for what? Simply because people in the Sydney basin can't be bothered to reduce their waste output. The idea that this development will bring jobs to the area is being given as a reason for it to go ahead. I don't believe the jobs it brings will even make up for the young professionals, who are able to leave and find jobs elsewhere, that will leave the town, given the possible health issues that this incinerator could cause. Our local health services currently struggle to attract all levels of staff, these are exactly the young professionals who are looking for a "tree change" to get out of our overcrowded cities but who will never choose to come anywhere near a town that has a waste incinerator basically on the edge of the town. This project has far too many problems and for no real benefits to our local community for it to go ahead. We are not the dumping ground for the city's waste.