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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I am a parent of three children and grandparent to seven grandchildren who all live in Parkes NSW and I strongly oppose of the proposed waste to energy incinerator to be built in Parkes. Our region is a very proud and productive farming country, known for its clean air, rich soil and active agricultural productivity and star filled skies. The introduction of an incinerator threatens the environment, lifestyle and culture that defines Country Australia.

“Safe” they say but evidence shows that waste to energy release toxic pollutants which contaminate soil, crops, livestock and water. “Safe” they say but it has been confirmed that ash from incinerators contain long lasting chemicals that threaten both public health and agriculture. Once airborne toxins settle they can enter our waterways and food supply.

Parkes clean air, healthy land and sustainable farms are worth far more than the short term convenience of an urban waste solution.

Instead of shifting the waste problem into Parkes, the focus should be on reducing waste at the source, improving recycling and creating smarter product return systems.

Parkes takes pride in our fresh air, wide open landscapes and agricultural lifestyle. No amount of “safe limits” or assurances can justify compromising these values. Clean air, water and soil are not luxuries they are essential to our health, economy and identity.

Parkes should not be expected to become a dumping ground for city waste, the solution is not to burn our future, it is to reduce, recycle and return responsibly. I therefore reiterate my strong opposition to the proposed waste to energy incinerator in Parkes NSW.