

Submission
No 872

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Parkes NSW and a parent with young children. This submission is to share my concerns about the proposed waste incinerator in Parkes NSW. I believe this project poses significant risks to the long-term wellbeing of our community.

Being a first home buyer this year, I am concerned that the value of our home will depreciate if the incinerator goes ahead. Residents are unhappy with the prospect of waste being burnt in our town and why would future families consider moving to Parkes when they could just pick a town that doesn't have a potential risk at their doorstep. This concerns me as real estate prices may not increase to the same value as it otherwise would. This also concerns me as my children grow into their teenage years and consider where they would like to one day raise their own families.

Incinerators are known to emit pollutants such as dioxins, heavy metals and fine particles, which can pose serious health risks. These include

- Increased respiratory issues
- Potential long-term exposure to carcinogens (Parkes currently doesn't have a treatment facility to treat cancer. Residents are forced to drive over 100kms to Orange to seek treatment. This is a burden especially for our elderly residents as transport becomes very difficult)

Parkes has been advertising itself as a hub for logistics and regional development. The introduction of a waste incinerator could:

- Deter new business and industries from setting up in the area
- Create a stigma that may hinder tourism and regional partnerships

Parkes and the surrounds are home to productive agriculture land. The potential for air, soil and water contamination from incinerator emissions raises serious concerns for:

- Crop health
- Livestock wellbeing

In conclusion, I urge Parliament to reconsider the approval of the proposed waste incinerator in Parkes NSW. Parkes should not be the dumping ground for Sydney's waste. Surely there has to be another solution. One that does not slowly destroy my town.

Sincerely

Parkes resident