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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I'm [redacted], I'm 15, from [redacted] a small town around 20 kilometers out of Parkes, NSW. I am extremely opposed to the new upcoming Incinerator. My family moved to Parkes in late 2022. My family all come from a farming background, we lived on a 2,500 acre working cropping and sheep farm just out of Tullibigeal. A small town in between Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin. Our family loved the farm and the farming lifestyle. Although during 2017 my mum was diagnosed with cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma. This cancer is a rare type of cancer that forms in the lymph nodes. Now there wasn't a true cause to my Mum's cancer, although many doctors, friends, family and neighbours believe that it was caused by the chemicals we and all the other farmers around us used for their crops. The Parliament of Australia did a study and it was found that exposure to pesticides seems to confer a greater risk of several specific cancers including, but not limited to, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL), soft tissue sarcoma, leukaemia, prostate cancer and brain cancer. After this happened my family decided to move to Parkes to get away from all the harsh chemicals, because we did not want this to happen again, as it was a very scary experience for our family. We moved to parks for the freedom away from the chemicals, for the fresh air, and the healthy life. When we moved to Parkes we had no idea that the waste to energy project was even a thing! And I can assure you if we knew that it was coming to Parkes we would not have moved here. When talk of the Incinerator started to grow towards the end of last year our family and relatives that lived in the area became very concerned. If the Waste to Energy Incinerator does go ahead there is a very strong possibility that my family will move out of Parkes and I know many other people will too. I attend [redacted], which I think is an amazing school. The waste incinerator is going to be located just 5 kilometers away from my school. I strongly encourage the government to rethink their decision about this project. Just imagine the impact this is going to have on all the children that attend [redacted]. We are all going to be breathing in the toxic chemicals that drift from the Incinerator, those poor little kids that are coming to this school in the next coming years are going to have to breathe in those toxins for the next 12 years of their life when they are at school, that's not ok. I absolutely do not support this decision that the government is making, this is going to ruin our community. It's going to drive people away, tourism will slow down, who's going to want to visit a place that's known as "Sydney's waste dump" no one. Once people start leaving and stop visiting that's going to have a big impact on our small local business, they are going to start shutting down. So in conclusion to my submission I strongly advised the government to not go ahead with the Waste Incinerator. It is going to have so many negative impacts on the community of Parkes and the surrounding.