

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I am writing to formally object to the proposed Energy Waste Plan currently under review.

As a concerned resident and farm landowner.

I believe that the plan, as presented, poses significant environmental risks that outweigh any potential benefits.

The proposed plan has the potential to increase emissions, pollutants, and toxic by-products particularly from waste-to-energy incineration raising serious concerns to the air quality, soil contamination, and public health.

There has been insufficient public consultation and limited access to independent impact assessments and transparency in particular on issues with lasting environmental consequences such as asbestos carcinogens.

Asbestos is a Category 1 carcinogen, and even minimal airborne fibre release can lead to mesothelioma, lung cancer, and asbestosis decades after exposure. The risk of asbestos fibre release extends beyond the immediate site. Windborne dispersion, contaminated ash residues, and accidental cross-contamination in mixed waste handling could expose workers, nearby residents, and ecosystems to long-term contamination.

Even with robust screening, sealed containment systems, and continuous air monitoring, there is a high risk of fibre dispersal both within the plant and into the surrounding community.

If this proposal is not a concern to the community why was it thrown out of Sydney based on an environmental concern for residents.

It appears you have chosen Goulburn Mulwaree community due to its lower socioeconomic area which often lack the resources to mount formal objections or engage in lengthy consultations. Locating a high-risk facility in such a community raising serious questions about environmental justice and ethical decision-making entrenching inequalities.

Proceeding with a plan that amplifies environmental and health risks in an already disadvantaged area would be completely unjust.