

**Submission
No 888**

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I am a resident of a neighbouring community and the grandmother of children attending a school located within the close proximity of the proposed facility. I object to the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste facility and this submission is to share my concerns of the health impacts of the community, especially the long-term health effect of the children.

Children are our future, and we have a duty of care as individuals, as a community, as a nation to protect them. Who makes the decision as to which community, filled with vibrant youth, is to be kept safe and which one is to be used to satisfy such a toxic decision that will bring harm? Why is it that this proposal has been rejected by so many others and yet the people of Parkes are meant to blindly agree? Understandably, such facilities are needed but why have non-populated areas not been thrown into the mix? Again, it is the money that is important – not the people. This is simply another example of city politician ignorance regarding civilisation beyond the Blue Mountains. We are talking about the next generation of primary producers of the Central West. Won't they suffer enough because of natural disasters? They don't need avoidable health and pollution issues as well. We might be being told that everything is going to be okay but in 25 years when the children of today are suffering the effects of the project, what then? Are you just going to sit back and say, "Oh well" and turn a blind eye?

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 6 states "Children have the right to live a full life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily." Article 12 states "Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account."

Please don't build the Energy from Waste facility in Parkes, NSW.