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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I choose to remain anonymous , I am 15 years old. I was born and raised in Parkes and currently attend high school here. Parkes has always been my home, and it's where I hope to build my future.

I'm writing to share my concerns about the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste (EfW) incinerator project. Even though I'm still young, I care deeply about what happens to our town and the opportunities that will be available for people my age in the years ahead.

Many of us in high school are starting to think about our futures—whether that means university, getting a job, or starting an apprenticeship. I worry that if this project goes ahead, it could make it harder for young people like me to find work or training opportunities here in Parkes. If families start leaving town because of health or environmental concerns, or if local businesses are affected, there might not be as many jobs or apprenticeships for us to apply for when we finish school.

I'm also really concerned about how this could change the way people see Parkes. I want to be proud to tell people where I come from. I don't want our town to be known for pollution or poor air quality. I want Parkes to stay a healthy, safe, and welcoming place—a town where young people want to stay, not one they feel they have to leave.

Please listen to the people who live here, especially the younger generation who will have to live with the consequences of these decisions. We love our town, and we just want a safe, clean future with opportunities to build our lives here.

Sincerely,

Parkes Resident & High School Student