

**Submission  
No 891**

## **INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES**

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My name is Ben McGirr and I live and work in Parkes. I have a partner and two children and we consider ourselves to be proud residents of this town.

I wish to strongly oppose the construction of the waste to energy facility that has been planned for our town. I am deeply concerned about the health of my children and other impacts the emissions from the incinerator will have on all our community.

I believe there will not be around the clock monitoring to ensure the safety of local residents and the implications of this on our health, soil and water could be catastrophic. It seems ludicrous that such a facility would be placed in a food bowl. It has been banned in NSW and the ACT due to the health risks and do not understand how those same risks do not apply to us.

The incinerator needs to be fed garbage, and this seems to be in contrast with our environmental targets. It does nothing to stop garbage at its source and just pushes the problem out into a region. Its Sydney's waste that will be transported over 500 kilometres to be burnt, polluting our air and water. It is a huge risk not only for our community but each community along the train line.

I am also concerned about the ability to attract and retain professionals. Our town, like many country towns, struggle with attracting and retaining professionals and I don't think an incinerator in Parkes would be to our advantage.

All of the people I have spoken to are against the project and I am afraid our town will see many residents leave. I don't believe this is in the best interest of Parkes.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Ben McGirr