

Submission  
No 902

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **To Whom It May Concern,**

I am a 31-year-old resident of Nelungaloo. My partner and I live on our family farm located within 10 kilometres of the proposed Energy from Waste (EfW) facility site in Parkes, NSW. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed (EfW) facility development.

As a mother of two young children, my top priority is their health, safety, and future. Like my partner, I have serious concerns about the potential health impacts of this incinerator on our family and community. Increased air pollution and toxic emissions from such a facility put our children's health at risk, especially given that my partner is asthmatic. We worry deeply about how this project could affect not only our farm but the wider environment we rely on for food and clean water.

Our farm at Nelungaloo is more than just a business — it is the foundation of our family's life and wellbeing. We are involved in sheep, cattle, and cropping operations, and we also manage a beef breeding property east of Condobolin. Farming is hard, daily work, and it requires clean land, air, and water to thrive. Any contamination or pollution caused by the incinerator would jeopardize everything we have worked so hard to build.

In addition to farming, I own and operate a local business in Parkes that employs 9 staff members. We also own the premises where the business operates. I am proud to contribute to the town's economy and provide meaningful employment opportunities. However, this incinerator threatens not only the health of our community but also the economic stability of local businesses like mine. The negative perception and potential environmental hazards associated with this project could cause our properties to become worthless and force businesses like ours to close.

Who will compensate families like mine when our homes, farms, and businesses lose their value? Who will support us if we are forced to relocate and rebuild our lives elsewhere? These are serious questions that have yet to be answered.

There needs to be baseline environmental testing for residents. Without proper monitoring of current air and water quality, it will be impossible to hold the developers accountable for any damage caused. This testing is essential to protect our community's health and livelihoods.

Beyond farming and business, I am actively involved in raising our children and participating in community groups and local sport in Parkes. Our family has strong ties here my parents, siblings, and in-laws all live nearby and support us daily. I also care deeply for my 90-year-old grandmother, who has lived in this area her entire life. She relies on me for support with healthcare appointments, shopping, and daily needs. The added stress, potential health risks, and disruption caused by this incinerator would severely impact my ability to care for her and maintain her quality of life. This project doesn't just threaten our family's future it jeopardizes the wellbeing of our elders and the fabric of our community.

If the incinerator proceeds, I fear we may be forced to leave the community we love, which would be devastating both emotionally and financially. How will we afford to relocate if our homes, farms, and businesses lose their value? Who will support families like ours if we are uprooted?

I also worry about the strain this project would place on already stretched local health services. Residents of Parkes currently face limited access to medical care and often must travel long

distances for treatment. Increased pollution-related health problems would only worsen this burden, with financial and emotional costs falling on families like mine.

Importantly, I have serious concerns about the mental health toll this project will take on our family and the wider community. The constant worry about health risks, financial uncertainty, and the potential loss of our home and livelihood creates an immense emotional burden. This stress is exhausting and deeply impacts our quality of life.

Most concerning of all is how recently I learned about this proposal, despite living so close to the site. It is unacceptable that such a major development could advance without proper community consultation and transparency. Residents have the right to be fully informed and to have their concerns heard before decisions are made.

For all these reasons, I urge decision-makers to reject the (EfW) facility and instead invest in safer, more sustainable waste management solutions that protect public health, the environment, and our agricultural future.

Thank you for considering my submission. Please listen to the voices of local families, farmers, and business owners who want a healthy, thriving Parkes region for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,