

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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**Submission to the NSW Parliament Select Committee
on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities**

OBJECTION

I object to a waste incinerator at Woodlawn (Tarago) and the waste incinerator proposed for Parkes.

My name is Stan Moore, I am a resident and farmer at Gundary on the Southern Tablelands.

My property is approx. 25km North East of the proposed Tarago incinerator and I am fearful that any emissions, be they operational or incident related, will be carried by wind and pollute mine and the Southern Tablelands agricultural land.

I grew up on a property west of Forbes in the Central West and was a partner in the farming enterprise that had dryland and irrigation (from the Lachlan). We grew cereals including malting barley, produced lucerne hay and provided hay to the dairies in Western Sydney, produced prime lambs and stud rams, produced beef cattle, produced pigs and bred and agisted race horses. The nature of our business, just like all other farmers, relies on uncontaminated production. Incinerators would put these businesses in jeopardy. While our Forbes property would not be threatened by the Parkes incinerator proposal, I empathise with the Parkes farmers and therefore support their objections.

If you look at a map you will see Forbes and Parkes (Twin towns) are only 21 miles apart and when I was growing up, there was healthy rivalry between the towns. So I know both areas quite well.

ALTERNATIVE APPROACH

An alternative approach to placing waste incinerators in regional areas close to productive agricultural land should be a priority for the future of food security.

A viable alternative approach that preserves food security along with other benefits and efficiency is for the NSW Government is to lift the prohibition of thermal treatment of waste in the Great Sydney region. This should be feasible as the NSW Government Draft Waste and Circular Infrastructure Plan on Page 18 has a heading *“Energy-from-waste is being safely rolled out in other parts of the world and in Australia”*.

The benefits and efficiencies would include:

- The treatment of Sydney’s waste close to source thus reducing transport costs
- The capture of energy close to users of energy thus reducing transmission loss
- As incinerating waste typically reduces the volume by around 96%, leaving only 4% to be placed in landfill. This is a major assistant to landfill space availability.
- Should it be required to ship the 4% of waste to landfill, say at Tarago into an old mine site, the there is a major transport cost saving and reduction of train movements and especially truck movements on Bungendore and Collector roads as a major safety measure.
- A further benefit will assist the Government’s “Transition to a Circular Economy” and aligns with the Government’s strategy to reduce waste and to reduce waste to landfill.