

Submission
No 906

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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Partially
Confidential

To whom it may concern,

My name is _____ ; I'm 30 years old.

I live at Alectown(30 km's from Parkes). Along with my parents we farm 5000 acres, and we also run a farm contracting business. On our farm we run merino sheep, fat lambs and crop wheat, barley, canola, lupins and faba beans. I am the fifth generation to farm here at Alectown. I have recently got engaged and our plan is to live here on of our farms.

As a farmer and a business owner I'm extremely concerned about the proposed waste to energy plant in Parkes.

From what I have read and heard there are a lot on inconsistencies regarding the safety of such a plant. As a farmer I find this to be a real threat to our future as farmers. One small breach could mean the end to farming in this area. Should it get into the ground water that will not only affect this area but the whole of the Murray Darling Basin. I feel that the people making these decisions have only looked at such a proposal as a solution for Sydney and the money to be made with no regard to the consequences when a breach occurs. And a breach will occur as it has now been shown in many countries around the world that this technology is NOT safe. These plants are now being closed down, the areas around them contaminated.

The questions who would like to ask the inquiry are:

1. How is the health and safety of country people less important than that of the people in the city?
2. There has been no consultation with the community until recently, who's responsibility was it to have told the community back when this was first proposed.
3. Should the inquiry show that these plants are not safe anywhere, will the government scrap all plans ASAP.
4. When our land and water are contaminated who is going to compensate us for the full cost of our farms, businesses?
5. Would any of the people involved in this decision making be happy to live near one of these plants, and if so why don't they build it near themselves?
6. Will the instigators of this plant in Parkes be called to account if they have had a monetary win from the decision.
7. Do any of the decisions makers even care about the impacts these plants will have on our health?
8. Does the current government have the guts to admit these plants are not the solution and look to other ways to do something about the waste problem.
9. Where will food and fibre come from when this area is unfarmable?

I will keep my submission short as I'm sure there are many more for the committee to go through.

I implore you to do everything in your power to stop this madness and save our future, not only for us but for the children I want to have.

Sincerely,