

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I am from a farming family at Wollongorang, not far from the proposed Veolia Tarago incinerator. We are opposed to the plan of the proposed "energy from waste" for a number of reasons. Our primary objection is that the technology being considered is not environmentally sound, as experienced in other incinerator facilities that leak chemicals into the atmosphere, ground water and soil. Once the incinerator is in place there will be no turning back, no matter any devastating consequences to our farming land and general health.

Surely if incinerating waste is such a clean option then the incineration would be best place in exiting rubbish dumps. This would considerable reduce the cost of the incinerators, the maintenance of them and the transport to destinations for from the dumps. we believe it is critical that however the rubbish is dealt with it has to be technology that is environmentally sound and will stand the test of time. Considering the requirements that we all have to improve health and safety, reduce dangerous emissions and to protect the environment the choice of an out of date solution for rubbish management is unacceptable. There are thermal technologies employed in state of the art facilities around the world.

In our community we have already experienced Veolias' lack of commitment to standards and regulations, for example their request for the lowering of emissions standards. In our experience , unfortunately, the monitoring of such facilities and organisations is unlikely to change behaviour for the good.

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