

Submission
No 912

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I am writing this submission on behalf of my husband and I.

Our daughter lives with her family at Lake Bathurst near Tarago. She has two preschool children. Her husband runs a mixed farming business with some of the land which he farms being very close to the proposed incinerator site.

As a qualified Agricultural Scientist and, having taught HSC chemistry I feel I have a depth of knowledge regarding the many negative aspects of the High Energy incinerator being located near Tarago.

We are concerned that regardless of the most up to date technology all incinerators produce:-

1. PFAS a known carcinogen.
2. Dioxins and furans which have a negative impact on reproduction (a concern both for humans and primary producers who will be impacted).
3. The long-term impacts of the above chemicals are unknown, and the consequences should not be risked for future generations.
4. Contamination of drinking water both for human and livestock use with documented evidence of its impact on health. Also soil contamination which in time may leave prime agricultural land unusable.

Other consequences are –

The real possibility of reduction in land values with an inability to sell due to environmental pollution with no plans for compensation.

And, finally, I see the impact on the mental health of my family through opposing waste to energy for nearly four years.

It is time the city problems are not dumped on rural communities – a solution must be found that does not negatively impact on productive agricultural land and its local population.