

Submission  
No 915

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Confidential

I am a long time resident of Parkes having lived in the township for close to seventy years, with my wife we have raised seven children and have thirteen grandchildren. I strongly object to the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste Facility and this submission is to share my concerns of the impacts to the people and community. My major worry is short and long term health impacts from the emissions of said site and the FACT that thermal energy from waste is prohibited in NSW and the ACT due to health risks and yet residents of the four designated sites are somehow immune to the stated effects. I feel Parkes being a primary food production area is under threat due to water and air contamination and the threat to soil quality. I despair for the farming community and the residents of Parkes who rely on the water from their tanks for drinking and bathing. I also believe the community was not openly and honestly consulted and decisions have been made without full transparency eroding the communities trust in council and gov, departments and should be investigated.. Another concerning factor is the water supply, Parkes struggles with water supply during droughts and I wonder when the next one occurs or supply is interrupted what's becomes of the rubbish (stockpiled to attract flies and rodents)?? Another concerning factor for me is the transport of the waste material from Sydney to Parkes (by rail I believe) is not a sustainable or efficient waste solution which also undermines waste reduction, recycling and reuse initiatives. Other concerns are stated wind direction (west/northwest I believe) and there is no requirement of 24/7 monitoring of ALL emissions...My personal health situation is such that if the incinerator goes ahead I may well have to relocate and I worry of the impact this incinerator will have on the value of the family home and investment property...In finishing my wife and I strongly oppose this proposal and request that alternative waste management solutions are investigated that do not pose a risk to the environment or human health...