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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I am an artist and researcher and a resident of Wallerawang in regional NSW for 6 years now - during my schooling I grew up in Bathurst, and I have lived and worked in Canberra, Paris, Sydney, Cairns, Launceston and more. I am concerned that NSW Government is considering an Energy from Waste facility in an area where I will be effected by the toxic particulates carried by wind and rain, especially as I and many people these days suffer from auto-immune conditions which makes us all particularly sensitive to environmental toxins. Many people these days (not just people like myself who advised to eat locally grown organic food) greatly value local organic food produce, and supplies will be contaminated if these kind of facilities are allowed to go ahead. Having studied the impact of Energy from Waste technology I recommend that the Government reject Energy from Waste incineration, to protect the health and future of Regional NSW and our agriculture industries.

Parkes, Wallerawang and Regional NSW deserves sustainable, safe industries and investments, that drive economic growth and value add to our agricultural sector and the community.

Marketing communications from industry and Government that have mislead the community should be investigated. The community was not adequately consulted when key decisions were being made. Consultation requirements should not be tokenistic but a collaborative process, equal to the size of the development.

These projects unfairly burden Regional NSW with Greater Sydney's waste and the associated risks. The Regulation should provide Regional NSW with the same precautionary health protections as Greater Sydney.

These projects lock us into long term contracts of waste generation when we should be investing in waste avoidance, reuse and recycling.

Other countries are phasing out thermal energy from waste. Australia should be using that experience, not ignoring it.

I oppose this proposal and request that alternative waste management solutions are investigated that do not pose a risk to the environment or human health, and do not cause distress to host communities.

Should the project proceed, the proponents should be required to:

- Provide 24/7 independently monitored emissions data, available on a public portal, of all potential emissions (including dioxins and furans);
- Create a Compensation Trust for any future compensation claims made by the community;
- Provide baseline health and environmental testing by an independent organisation;
- Provide town water supply to residents reliant on tank water;
- Provide funding for mental health support services;
- Relocate nearby schools/childcare facilities.

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