

Submission
No 919

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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Confidential

My name is _____ I am 62 years old, I married a local man 37 years ago and we have 2 children and 4 grandchildren and all live in Parkes and I am lodging this submission to OBJECT to the building of the Energy from waste incinerator at Parkes. I was born and raised in Parkes all my schooling was locally in town and my children have and their children attend local schools in town. My concerns are the impact the toxic waste incinerator will have on their long term health and environment with toxic emissions like dioxins, furans and fine particles in the air. Parkes is a major food producer of grains and livestock and this project threatens our air, water and soil quality with the toxic pollutions which threaten our clean green agricultural sector, Thermal energy from waste is prohibited in NSW and the ACT due to the health risks and is being phased out overseas but it excludes 4 region and Parkes is one so how do the city have different health precautions than people of Parkes everyone deserves the same health protections. I feel the community of Parkes has not been properly consulted and decisions have been made without full transparency. My son and his wife run a thriving small business in town and they have talked about moving away and taking their business with them if the project goes ahead which will hurt the town. Transporting 600,000 tons of waste per year in 1000 k's round trips with diesel locomotives burning fossil fuel really doesn't help our net zero waste emissions targets which makes the government look hypercritical in their fight to reduce emissions. As I mentioned before other countries are phasing out thermal energy from waste our government should be using that experience not ignoring it and 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. In summing up my major concerns are the health risks and environmental contamination risks of water, air and soil for my grandchildren and their children and generations to come.

Thank you for your time,

Regards,