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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I write to you today as a concerned community member. I am 19 years old and have called Parkes home in that time.

I wish to state clearly that I am strongly oppose to the Energy-from-Waste facility in Parkes and New South Wales.

The proposed project poses significant risks to our air quality, agricultural productivity and public health. Waste to energy incineration is known to emit harmful pollutants that can compromise the health of Parkes residents and the integrity of our natural resources. In addition, the potential contamination could adversely affect the agricultural sector, which is a vital component of our local economy and heritage.

I am concern over our drinking rainwater becoming contaminated with fly ash – in rural areas, we rely heavily on rainwater collection and home-grown produce, these risks extend beyond air quality to water and food safety.

Transporting approximately 600,000 tonnes of waste annually from Sydney to Parkes, a round trip of over 1,000 kilometres, does not make sense. If it is unsafe for Sydney, it is unsafe for Parkes, an agricultural rich area where your food is grown.

While responsible waste management is important, I do not support moving Sydney's waste burden into regional NSW, especially when the technology is not proven to be safe and poses risks to community health, air quality, our environment, and vital waterways like the Lachlan River and Goobang Creek.

This EfW facility could also harm our local tourism, discourage skilled professionals from relocating, and add strain to already under-resourced health services across our region. I believe our region deserves clean, fair and sustainable waste solutions that protect our people, our Country and our future generations.

I strongly urge the Inquiry to protect agricultural regions like ours and to focus on alternatives that are safe, proven and sustainable.