

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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I am writing to formally object to the proposed construction of a waste incinerator in Parkes—or anywhere else in New South Wales. As a resident of this community and part of a large agricultural region, I am deeply concerned about the serious risks this facility poses to our health, our animals, and the long-term sustainability of our environment and livelihoods.

Waste incineration is known to release harmful pollutants, including dioxins and other toxic compounds. Even in very small amounts, these substances have been linked to cancer, respiratory illnesses, heart disease, and developmental disorders in humans. Once released, these pollutants can settle on soil, crops, and water sources, allowing them to easily enter the food chain and accumulate over time.

This contamination would not only affect people—it would also endanger our pets, livestock, and wildlife. Animals grazing on contaminated land or drinking polluted water may ingest dangerous toxins, leading to illness, reproductive problems, and even death. And then we eat these animals and crops grown in the soil. Including you. Chances are, you eat produce and meat that comes from the Central West. The potential impact on agricultural productivity could be devastating, threatening both the safety and reputation of our locally produced food.

My family and I grow our own fruit and vegetables and raise chickens for eggs. We take pride in living sustainably and supporting our local community. As young professionals who grew up in the Central West, we had hoped to start our family here in Parkes.

However, if the proposed “Energy from Waste Plant” (Incinerator) goes ahead, we will seriously reconsider remaining in the area.

For these reasons—and many more not listed here—I am strongly opposed to the establishment of this incinerator in Parkes or anywhere else in New South Wales.

Kind regards,