

Submission  
No 942

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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To whom it may concern,

I am a parent with young children and a proud member of one of the many farming families in the Parkes Shire. I am writing to formally oppose the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste Incinerator development.

As a long-term resident and sixth-generation farmer, I am deeply concerned about the potential health and environmental impacts this project poses to our community — especially to our children and future generations. While I am not a scientist, it is common sense that burning man-made waste on a large scale cannot be healthy for the air we breathe. The idea of transporting Sydney's waste hundreds of kilometres to be burned in our regional area raises serious questions of fairness, safety, and logic. If this waste is safe enough to burn, why isn't it being processed closer to where it is produced?

Our family farms contribute to Australia's food supply through the production of meat and grain. Clean air, water, and soil are essential for growing safe, high-quality food. Introducing an incinerator of this scale into an agricultural region risks compromising these vital resources. Polluting the very environment that produces food for our nation is a short-sighted decision with potentially devastating consequences.

Many families, including my own, would reconsider remaining in the district should this facility proceed. The choice between protecting our health and staying in a polluted environment is not a difficult one. No community should be forced to sacrifice its wellbeing for the convenience of another.

I urge you to reject this proposal and to instead prioritise sustainable, healthy, and equitable waste management solutions that do not place rural communities at risk. The people of Parkes have made their position clear — we do not want or need this facility. This project appears to serve the interests of profit and expediency rather than the health and longevity of regional Australians.

Please have the courage and compassion to protect our region, our farmland, and our children's future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

I would appreciate a written response with the contact details provided.