

**Submission  
No 944**

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

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## **Submission Regarding Proposed Waste Recovery Facility**

My name is **Michael Read**, and I live in **Peak Hill** with my wife **Lisa**. We live beside our elderly parents on one side, and our daughter and her four children on the other. Three of our children and two grandchildren live with us, and altogether our family includes seven children and eleven grandchildren. One of our children and three of our grandchildren attend school locally. All the adults in our family work within the **Parkes Shire**.

I am a **proud Wiradjuri man**, living and raising my family on **Bogan River Country**. My wife Lisa is also a proud Wiradjuri woman who works closely with the elderly, families, and children in our community. Together, we support our people through food relief, community care, and by helping each other on our spiritual journeys.

I wish to express my deep concerns regarding the waste recovery development proposed in our area. **Our Wiradjuri lore and cultural values do not align with this project**, and neither **the Parkes Shire Council nor the waste recovery company** have consulted with our Elders or sought our cultural input on this matter. This lack of consultation shows a serious disregard for **Wiradjuri heritage and decision-making processes**.

There are also significant **environmental and health concerns** for our community. Living along the **Bogan River**, we are deeply connected to this land and water. There are important **heritage sites here, including Snake Rock**, and our **loved ones are buried here**. Any harm to this land or river is harm to our people and our culture.

Our **local school and medical services are already stretched**, and this project will only increase pressure on the community. For many of us, **closing the gap** is already a daily challenge. Projects like this risk setting us back further affecting our **health, livelihoods, and cultural connection to Country**.

As a **truck driver** and working man providing for my family, I also fear what this means for our **jobs, land, and future generations**. I want my grandchildren to grow up healthy and strong on Country, not surrounded by industrial waste or environmental risk.

Given the serious cultural, environmental, and community concerns that have been raised, I strongly believe that the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** process should be **paused immediately** until the **current inquiry is completed**. Continuing the EIS before the inquiry finishes would ignore the proper consultation process and could lead to decisions being made without full understanding of the impacts on our people, our Country, and our future generations. It is only fair and respectful that all voices, especially those of the Wiradjuri Elders and community, are properly heard before any further steps are taken.

I ask that you **listen to our voices, consult with Wiradjuri Elders**, and **respect our cultural heritage and Country** before proceeding any further with this development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Read**

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Proud Wiradjuri Man