

Submission  
No 945

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **Submission: Parkes Waste Recovery Project**

### **Submitted by:**

#### **Resident of Parkes, NSW**

My name is . I have lived in Parkes all my life. I am a parent of three and a new grandparent, and I live and work in town, while many of my close family and friends are farmers in the region.

I am deeply concerned about the proposed Parkes Waste Recovery Project and the risks it poses to our land, water, and air. These are not abstract concerns — they directly affect our health, the food we eat, the water we drink, and the future of agriculture in our Shire. I ask: **How will Parkes Shire Council, the State Government, and the waste recovery company address the mental health impacts on our community?** Families are worried, divided, and anxious, and the stress is already taking a toll.

The Council is aware that the majority of the community does not support this project, yet they continue to allow it to move forward, failing to protect our food sources, our food belt, and vital river systems such as the Bogan and Lachlan Rivers. These rivers are essential for farming, recreation, and the survival of local ecosystems.

I'd also like these questions answered

#### **1 Environmental and Agricultural Impact:**

How will the company, Parkes Shire Council, and the State Government ensure that the land, water, and air quality in and around Parkes are not contaminated, particularly affecting local farms, food production, and river systems such as the Bogan and Lachlan Rivers?

#### **2 Community Health and Safety:**

What measures will be taken to monitor and mitigate short- and long-term health risks for residents, including potential respiratory issues, birth defects, reproductive health concerns, and other chronic illnesses?

#### **3 Mental Health and Social Wellbeing:**

How will the Council, State Government, and the waste recovery company support the mental health and social wellbeing of the community, given the stress, division, and uncertainty this project is causing?

#### **4 Cultural Heritage and Aboriginal Rights:**

How will Traditional Owners, including the Wiradjuri people, be genuinely consulted and involved in decision-making, and what baseline testing of cultural sites will be conducted to protect sacred and culturally significant areas?

**I demand that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be stopped immediately** until a full, independent inquiry is completed. Our community deserves transparency, genuine consultation, and protection from environmental and social harm before any project like this proceeds.

Our health, our livelihoods, and the future of Parkes depend on responsible, accountable decision-making.

**Sincerely,**

Parkes Resident