

**Submission  
No 958**

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

**Name:** Mr Graeme Tanswell

**Date Received:** 30 October 2025

---

I Graeme Tanswell being a lifelong resident of Parkes and district for over 58 years am strongly opposed to the proposed energy from waste incinerator (EfW) being constructed in the Parkes shire for that matter in any rural and food producing areas.

The Parkes region is a watershed for both the Lachlan and Bogan River catchments which then both feed into the Darling River. The impact from dioxins and PFAS (forever chemicals) that will be emitted from the incinerator would be catastrophic for these waterways and the primary production which is the biggest economic driver in our region. Parkes, being a rural community rely on primary production as the backbone for our thriving community. There is a real possibility of these toxins contaminating our soils and thus the produce from local farmers, resulting in either reduced income or even the possibility of land being rendered unusable. Living on a rural block, this would also affect our personal water supply which we use for consumption as well as cleaning (drinking and washing). We have no access to town water so would then financially burden our family as we would have to buy water (more plastic).

Thermal energy from waste is prohibited in NSW and the ACT due to health risks and is being phased out in many countries overseas. However, for some reason 4 regions in NSW are deemed suitable for Efw incinerators to be constructed, this is not equitable. If the incinerator is deemed safe for Parkes, then it should be safe for Sydney to process it there and eliminate the need to transport waste over 400kms and the risks involved with that process.

Once again i strongly oppose this proposal and request that alternative waste management solutions are investigated that do not pose a risk to the environment or the health of men, women children and do not cause distress to host communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I respectfully request a written response addressing my concerns,

Kind regards

Graeme Tanswell