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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a 40-year-old Parkes woman who has lived here my whole life.

I have 3 children who we are raising here in Parkes. Our family plays active roles within the community. I work at a local early childhood service, a committee member on a range of sporting groups and our children attend local schools.

My husband has also lived in Parkes his whole life, and is a 3rd generation farmer. Our farm produces wheat, livestock including cattle and sheep.

We have always planned our lives in Parkes.

Since the news of the incinerator coming to our community we have started to reconsider our plans. We are concerned of the health impacts this may have on us, but mostly our young children. As a farming family we are also concerned what impact this will have on our farm, the land and the livestock.

We have talked to children about this, and they have also formed opinions. They struggle so much to understand why Parkes would be responsible for another city's community. They ask why can't it be built in the Sydney not near us. These are all questions we don't have answers for. They don't understand why if it is too dangerous to be built near the city does that mean we in the country don't matter. We have these conversations weekly with our children, often brought up by them. They are talking to their friends about it at school and they are worried.

We live in regional NSW because we love the community, open spaces and the lifestyle. We have always seen our future here in Parkes, however, if the incinerator is built, we will move away for our home and community. This will mean leaving our farm and livelihood.

We propose an alternative solution is found and our community is kept as a healthy and safe environment. Our family wants to continue living here in Parkes, running our farm, being part of our local community and raising our 3 children, however, if this project is built we move. This will be devastating for our family, but the long-term health of our family is more important. Please don't make it a choice we need to make.