

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

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I am making a submission to oppose to the proposed waste incinerator near Tarago.

I have lived in Tarago all my life along with my parents and Grandparents before me. I am raising my family here and fear for their future.

The Woodlawn Mine started in 1978 and had a big impact on the district, providing employment and a boost to our town.

When it closed in 1998 Veolia was born and it seemed like a logical idea to fill the open-cut with waste. The locals were informed and no one had an objection to the idea. We were assured by Veolia that we wouldn't even know it was operating. There would be no smell emitted from the site and no water contamination. We believed them, and here we are 20 years later with constant EPA breaches for water contamination and a sickening smell that makes you feel ill when you go outside. I have lost count the number of times my husband and I have rang the EPA and the Veolia site to complain about the odour. All Veolia could say is they are working on it and it will be get better and the EPA your complaint has been lodged.

How can we trust Veolia, we have seen from past performances that they can't. They throw money at us and expect us to stay quiet and just put up with it, so why is it different this time.

With this proposed energy from waste facility we cannot believe Veolia when they say "there are no harmful PFAS material emitted into the air". If they are wrong, it will deposit onto our roofs into our water tanks, contaminate the soil that we grow our vegetables in, affect our health, devalue our homes, farms and contaminate our ground water. No one will want to live here.

I also have a farm which is 16 kms east in a straight line from Veolia and the odour can be smelt out there. The westerly winds we have here will spread the particles for miles.

I am worried that if a smell can carry that far so can PFAS in the air contaminating my farm and poisoning my livestock and crops.

Wakeup Sydney residents it is in your water catchment area, you might not want the incinerator located there, but your drinking water is coming from where the incinerator is.

I strongly object to the proposed waste incinerator