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INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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I grew up in Parkes on a farm my parents purchased when my brothers, sister and I were very young. They sacrificed their life to farming and worked hard to make ends meet. They grew their own vegetables and meat for the family and were mixed farmers growing wheat, oats, barley, sheep and cattle.

I moved away from Parkes because of my husband's career but travel back to visit with my family on a regular basis.

My parents have passed now but my brothers and their families are still living there and continue to farm., They are 3rd and 4th generation farmers, who take pride in their farming establishment.

It has been very stressful for my family to hear about this Parkes Incinerator Waste Facility to be built and burn 600,000 tons of stinking, rotting, toxic waste from Sydney.

The toxic fallout from this incinerator could ruin this pristine rural community. Mr Bowen as Federal Minister strongly opposed the facility being built at Eastern Creek, why do they think it's a good idea to move it to country areas? It has been banned in highly populated areas for health risks but it's ok for regional areas.

The cost for this facility is unrealistic, it will cost millions of dollars to build, who is paying for this? The rate payers will be charged thousands of dollars to rail this waste to the regional areas then even more to have it incinerated. It's not a charity; ratepayers will pay dearly.

The toxic pollution from this incinerator will fall on our town, schools, pastures, crops, and end up in our waterways. Who even knows the health risks that will effect the lives of our children in years to come. We all want a healthy lifestyle to breath clean air, drink clean water and eat healthy food not contaminated from toxins. This area is the food chain for not only Parkes and the surrounding area but the whole of Australia and parts of the world.

I strongly oppose this Waste Incinerator Facility being built in Parkes, nobody would want this in their back yard. Please reconsider and find a better solution.