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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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## **Objection to the Proposed Energy-from-Waste Incinerator – Parkes, NSW**

*From a Young Local and Member of a Generational Farming Family*

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm a young resident of Parkes. I spent a lot of time when I was growing up on my grandparent's stock and grain farm just outside town. Members of my family, including my dad, have lived and worked there for generations. It's where my family have all learned hard work, respect for the environment, and what it means to care for something that's meant to last beyond our own lifetimes. I'm proud of our community and the clean land we've looked after for so long — but I'm very worried about what this proposed incinerator will mean for my future, my health, and my grandparents family farm.

The proposed incinerator would be built in the middle of a productive agricultural area — a place where farms like my family's raise livestock and grow clean, high-quality grain. Even a small amount of contamination from airborne pollutants could damage that forever.

If our soil or water is ruined, our farm's reputation and the value of our produce will suffer. Who will want to buy food grown under a pollution plume? And once the damage is done, no monitoring system or promise can fix it.

My grandparents have spent their lives caring for this land. Watching that legacy be put at risk for the sake of Sydney's waste is heartbreaking. Why should Parkes have to take Sydney's rubbish? This project isn't about helping **our** community — it's about dumping city waste in the country. It's unfair and not an acceptable solution for many residents of the Central West such as myself.

I love Parkes. I love the farm my great grandparents and grandparents built and the community that raised me. I want to stay here, raise my own family here, and help build Parkes' future — but this kind of industry drives young people away and makes me question whether that future is even possible.

We deserve clean air, safe food, and real investment in recycling and sustainable waste solutions, not a toxic incinerator.

Please reject this proposal. Protect our health, our farms, and our town's future.

Sincerely,

Young Resident of Parkes, NSW

Proud Member of a Generational Farming Family