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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Parkes incinerator. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ from Forbes and my background is in agriculture. One of my jobs was to test and evaluate grain.

Thirty-six years ago, a very similar proposal was put forward for a Bogan Gate site and was defeated by locals including doctors, health authorities and farmers. Since then recycling has hardly progressed.

It could be argued that given the ineffectiveness of the current garbage sorting processes that an incinerator could create further issues in what is a flawed system already. Currently things such as batteries are still being placed in red lid bins and that is one of many examples. So if we can't manage rubbish on that scale how are we expecting it to be managed on a grander scale?

In my opinion the sub terminal near Parkes would expose the whole region including agriculture and communities to poisons from the incinerator. It is a nightmare in the making.

I've noted that in the proposal there is a "disclaimer" that exonerates the operators/ proprietors of any responsibility should any issues arise. There has even been admissions that the incinerator filters may not function effectively all of the time which only further reinforces my point.

How is the cost of transport going to be paid for? Who bares the cost of the incineration of this rubbish? I doubt the operators will burn it for free.

It appears the EPA or equivalent is already overburdened with the existing problems in the state so I'm not sure how they would handle this.

My main concern is the manner in which this proposal has been made public. It appears for years former administrations have orchestrated deals regarding this project with investors whilst deflecting any questions and minimising any criticism into their actions.

Misinformation from these agencies has also led many to believe that the incinerator is unharful and this is dangerously and misleading.

You should be aware that reputable, Independent scientists are prepared to run their tests should this project go ahead.

If countries like Sweden can lead the way and can recycle the right way with minimal impact on communities why can't we? Yet we plan to burn plastics which will result in chemical residue that will turn into untraceable chemicals and dioxins - to then be digested by our communities while slowly poisoning us.

I implore your committee to reject this proposal for the Parkes incinerator and start a more intense recycling regime via education and more collaborative efforts across the community.

Yours Sincerely