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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
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## **Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Energy from Waste (EfW)**

**From:**

**To the Select Inquiry Committee,**

Thank you to the Select Committee for giving the community an opportunity to express our views on Energy-from-Waste (EfW) incineration projects. I appreciate the time and effort the Committee is dedicating to listening to the concerns of residents like myself.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed EfW incinerator in Parkes. You cannot burn anything without producing emissions, and when plastics or mixed waste are involved, there are harmful and lasting dangers to consider. These include risks to water, land, livestock, and most importantly, to human health, with potential links to birth defects and other serious health effects.

Parkes already faces significant water challenges. Our community relies on bores as a backup supply, and with the impacts of drought and climate variability, we simply cannot afford further stress or contamination to our groundwater. Any risk of polluted runoff or airborne fallout affecting our homegrown produce is unacceptable.

Transporting rubbish or hazardous material over long distances only increases the chances of accidents, spills, or environmental contamination along the way. The smell, seepage, and air pollution would impact the health and well-being of towns situated along transport routes, and the cost of this transport is by no means insignificant.

If this technology is truly as safe and beneficial as claimed, it should be operated closer to the source of waste generation, such as Sydney. Regional towns like Parkes should not be made responsible for managing metropolitan waste or the risks that come with it.

I am totally opposed to the proposed Energy-from-Waste incinerator in Parkes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make this submission and for your attention to the concerns of regional communities.

Sincerely,