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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission: Opposition to the Proposed Energy from Waste Incinerator – Parkes, NSW

From a 17-Year-Old Local Resident

To whom it may concern,

My name is _____ I'm 17 years old and I've grown up in Parkes. I'm nearly an adult now, and I'm starting to think seriously about my future — what kind of place I want to live in, work in, and maybe raise a family in one day. That's why I'm writing to say that I'm completely against the proposed Energy from Waste incinerator being built here.

We're the Ones Who Will Live with the Consequences

For a lot of people making these decisions, this project might just be another development — something that looks good on paper for a few years. But for my generation, it's our future on the line. If something goes wrong, or if the emissions cause long-term damage to our air, soil, or water, we'll be the ones left to live with it.

Even if you say it's "safe," no one can guarantee that 100%. And if there's even a small chance that it harms people's health, our farmland, or the environment, then it's not worth it.

Health and Environment Should Come Before Profit

I know businesses and governments always talk about jobs and money, but honestly, that doesn't mean much if it comes at the cost of our health or our town's future. There are plenty of other ways to create work and build our local economy that don't involve burning waste and releasing pollution into the air we all breathe.

Parkes shouldn't have to take risks for something that doesn't even benefit us directly. This is not our waste — so why should we carry the burden or the danger?

Think About the Reputation and Future of Parkes

Parkes is known for being a clean, friendly, community-minded town. Bringing in an industrial incinerator changes that image. It could turn people away, hurt tourism, and damage the pride locals feel about living here. Once our environment or reputation is damaged, it can't just be reversed.

We Deserve a Say in Our Future

Young people like me might not get to vote on projects like this yet, but we're the ones who will live with the results long after the paperwork is signed. Our opinions matter too.

Please don't approve something that risks the health, safety, and identity of the community we love. Parkes deserves clean air, safe water, and a future that isn't clouded — literally or figuratively — by pollution.

Thank you for listening to my voice.

Sincerely,

Parkes, NSW