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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

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I've lived in Parkes my whole life. I work locally as a landscaper and have been part of the family business for years. I take a lot of pride in my work and in helping to make people's homes and gardens look great.

I'm proud to live and work in a place like Parkes — it's a clean, friendly town with a strong community. I'm really worried that building a waste-to-energy incinerator here will change that.

The proposed location is too close to town and especially too close to schools, including Parkes Christian School, where my younger brother goes. It's hard to feel okay about that when no one can really say what the long-term health impacts will be. I don't want to see the air, soil, or water around here affected by something that doesn't even belong to our community.

Parkes isn't a dumping ground. This proposal is about bringing rubbish from Sydney to burn here. If it wasn't safe enough for the city, it shouldn't be built in a regional town where people have chosen to live for the peace and clean air.

My parents have built their businesses here, and I've followed in their footsteps. We employ locals and do our best to support the town — the same as a lot of other families do. If the incinerator goes ahead, it'll put doubt into people's minds about living or investing here. No one wants to raise their kids or buy property next to a waste-burning plant.

Parkes is built on community, fresh air, and country values. This project goes against everything that makes our town what it is.

I strongly oppose the proposed waste-to-energy incinerator. I hope the committee listens to the locals who actually live here and want to protect the future of our town.

Thank you for taking the time to look into this issue and for giving people like me a chance to have a say.