

Submission  
No 1022

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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I am a Parkes resident and would like to object to the construction of the Waste to Energy facility being built anywhere in NSW but especially at Parkes. I grew up in the area – at Forbes, moved away for work and to raise my family and returned to Parkes, purchased a home and hoped to complete my working life and retire here. I will reconsider this if this facility goes ahead.

My objections are on the following grounds:

There has been no real community consultation in the process until this year even though it has been in development for several years. It was first announced as a plastic recycling plant so our community is awash with misinformation and incorrect facts about the safety and monitoring of the facility so people are unable to make an informed decision. The NSW own watch dog the Environmental Protection agency cannot guarantee policing of the facility unless they are informed of a breach of the emission levels.

Research from around the world continues to show the long and on-going harmful effects on the environment and human health that these facilities have from the emissions they put out and leading scientists and reputable organisations are speaking out against them.

It will be hazardous for many communities between Parkes and Sydney through which the rubbish will be transported, with the threat of fires that are occurring more and more in rubbish that contains hazardous materials such as batteries. There is even now a New South Wales government media campaign to inform residents not to put these in the bin for this reason. There is also the smell that will accompany this rubbish as it moves through the towns. We have been told the highly toxic ash will be transported back to Sydney to be stored creating further threat to communities if there is an accident.

There are many more issues that have not been addressed in this process and the New South Wales is pushing ahead regardless of the well documented threat to those who will be directly affected including myself.

Yours sincerely,