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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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I've lived and worked in Parkes my whole life. I'm a bricklayer and landscaper by trade, and I've been running my business here for almost 30 years. I employ local people, including a lot of young tradesmen just starting out. Over the years, I've taken on work-experience kids from the local schools, supported community projects, and done a fair bit of charity work around town.

Parkes is my home. It's where my wife and I raised our three sons — two have now left school, and our youngest still attends Parkes Christian School, which is right near where this incinerator is proposed to be built. Like many parents, I'm really worried about what this will mean for the health of the kids, the school staff, and the families who live nearby. There's just too much uncertainty about the long-term health impacts.

This town has been built by hardworking people who care about the land and each other. We've survived droughts, floods, and tough times, and we always pull together. But this proposal feels like we're being treated unfairly — as if it's okay to bring Sydney's waste here and burn it in our backyard. It doesn't make sense that something too risky for the city is somehow fine for a regional town.

I'm also really worried about what this means for local jobs and small businesses. I've worked hard to build something that supports not just my family, but others too. If this goes ahead, it will affect the reputation of our town, drive people away, and drop property values. No one wants to live near an incinerator.

Parkes is known for its open space, clean air, and strong sense of community. That's what makes it special. Bringing truckloads of rubbish from Sydney to burn here would ruin that — for no good reason.

I strongly oppose the waste-to-energy incinerator proposal. It's not safe, not fair, and not what's best for Parkes or regional NSW.

Thank you to the committee for allowing locals like me to have a say. I hope our voices are heard, and that you see how much this means to the people who live and work here.