

**Submission
No 1028**

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

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Objection To Parkes Proposed Incinerator Submission

I am writing to you as a concerned resident to express my strong opposition to the proposed Energy-from-Waste incinerator planned for Parkes, and to incineration technologies more broadly.

My wife and I were fortunate to raise our two children on a property in the vicinity of Parkes. We arrived from Sydney in 1978 and after 34 years retired to Dubbo. Now 12 years later we have returned to Parkes to the disappointing news of an incinerator being considered by the local council.

It gives me heart that not all Parkes councillors are for the proposed incinerator. After putting in time and effort into research they have also come to the conclusion that the proposed incinerator will be detrimental to our beautiful town and surrounding communities.

Living on the land and owning a property I know the strict protocols that went into proudly delivering uncontaminated grain, livestock and wool. These ideals will be a thing of the past if the proposed incinerator takes over our way of life as proven in many overseas countries.

Many of our city cousins need to be educated where their fiber and food sources come from but (maybe) not in the future if the incinerator goes ahead.

I am so unhappy to think of the future of Parkes and surrounds if an incinerator comes to fruition. To think that so many may miss what Parkes has to offer and which many take for granted ... a clean and healthy environment.

The uncertainty for the future this proposed incinerator has caused is palpable due to the lack of early consultation and long-term environmental concerns. Who would subject themselves into staying or moving to such an area especially with young children? Many have already decided to sadly move on.

Incineration is not a solution to our waste crisis. These facilities pose serious risks to human health, air quality, agriculture, and our environment. Once built, they create long-term pollution burdens and undermine genuine waste reduction strategies like reuse, recycling, and composting.