

Submission  
No 1031

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FACILITIES**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Parkes Energy from Waste Incinerator.

I live and work in the Parkes Shire. My family are long-time farmers, and I also work in local schools, so I see every day the faces of the children and families who make up this community. These are good, hard-working people who care deeply about the health of their land and their loved ones.

I cannot understand how anyone could think it's acceptable to bring Sydney's waste all this way just to burn it in the heart of farming country. We all know burning rubbish — especially plastics and other man-made materials — releases toxins that are harmful to breathe. It is deeply concerning to think of children, families, and teachers going about their days with polluted air hanging over our schools, farms, and homes.

If this project is as "safe" as claimed, then why isn't it being built closer to Sydney, where the waste is actually produced? Why is a regional area — one that provides clean food for the rest of the country — being treated as a dumping ground?

Our farms rely on clean air, healthy soil, and uncontaminated water. Once those are damaged, they can't simply be fixed. The health of our people and our land is worth far more than the profits or convenience this project offers.

I have spoken with many parents and residents, and there is deep fear and sadness about what this proposal could mean for our future. Families shouldn't have to consider moving away to protect their children's health — yet that's exactly what will happen if this goes ahead.

Please, I urge you to reject this proposal. Protect the health, safety, and future of the Parkes community. We deserve better than to have our region turned into Sydney's waste solution.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission and to consider the real human impact of this decision.

Please respond with my contact details provided.