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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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Submission: Opposition to the Proposed Energy from Waste Incinerator – Parkes, NSW

From a Local 12-Year-Old Resident

To whom it may concern,

My name is _____, I am 11 years old, and I have lived in Parkes my whole life. I am writing because I am really worried about the idea of building an Energy from Waste incinerator here.

Parkes is my home. I go to school here, play sport here, and spend time outside with my friends and family. I love that our town has clean air, open spaces, and that we can feel safe growing up here. I don't want that to change.

I'm Worried About Our Health and Our Future

When I heard about the incinerator, I started learning what it does and what it can let out into the air. It makes me scared that the smoke or chemicals could make people sick — maybe not right away, but in the future. Kids like me have to live with the choices adults make now, and that feels unfair when those choices could hurt our health later.

Our Environment Is Too Important to Risk

I care a lot about animals and nature. If the air or water gets polluted, it can hurt plants, pets, and wildlife. Parkes is such a beautiful place — why would we want to risk ruining that? Once it's damaged, you can't fix it easily.

Please Think About Us — the Kids Who Will Grow Up Here

Adults always tell us that the future is ours, but how can it be if decisions are made that might make us sick or harm where we live? Money and business are not more important than our health or our planet.

I hope the people deciding about this incinerator will think about what it means for kids like me and the generations that come after us. Please don't let this go ahead. We just want to grow up safe, healthy, and proud of our town.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

11yrs old

Resident of Parkes, NSW