

Submission
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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 14-Year-Old Local Resident

To whom it may concern,

My name is _____, I'm 14 years old and I've lived in Parkes all my life. I'm writing because I don't think the Energy from Waste incinerator should be built here.

Parkes is a great place to grow up. We have clean air, space to play sport, and a strong community where everyone looks out for each other. I'm proud to call it home, and I want it to stay safe and healthy — not just for me, but for my younger brothers, sisters, and the kids who come after us.

It's Not Worth the Risk

Even though I'm not a scientist, I've read enough to know that burning waste can make dangerous chemicals and pollution. If that gets into our air or water, it could make people sick or hurt the land that farmers depend on. Once something like that happens, you can't just fix it or take it back.

People say the incinerator could make money or bring jobs, but what good is that if it harms our health or the environment? Our town shouldn't have to take risks for something that isn't even our waste to begin with.

Think About the Future, Not Just Now

Adults always tell us to think about our future — to work hard at school and make good choices. I just hope the people making this decision do the same. The choices made today will affect us long after you've retired or moved on. We're the ones who'll have to live with the results.

Please don't build something that could harm the town we love. Parkes deserves better — cleaner energy, safer ideas, and a future we can look forward to.

Thank you for listening to what I have to say.

Sincerely,

Parkes, NSW