

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

Name: Name suppressed

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To the Members of Parliament,

My name is _____ and I am 13 years old. I live in Forbes with my family, and I am a proud Wiradjuri girl. I am writing because I am really worried about the Waste to Energy incinerator that is planned to be built in Parkes.

Even though I'm young, I care a lot about our Country, the land, the water, the animals, and the people. I've been taught that as Wiradjuri people, we must always look after Country because if we care for the land, it will care for us. Building an incinerator goes against everything I've been taught. Burning rubbish on Country feels wrong. It hurts the land, the air, and the water that give us life.

Forbes and Parkes are small, close communities. We all share the same air, the same sky, and the same river. I don't want to grow up breathing in pollution or worrying about what's in our water. I love living here, playing outside, swimming in the river, and spending time with my family. I want to keep it that way.

It's scary to think that decisions like this are being made without listening to young people. We're the ones who will have to live with what happens. I want to grow up in a safe, healthy place where our land is respected and protected, not damaged for money or convenience.

Please don't let this incinerator go ahead. I hope you can hear my voice and understand how much this means to me and to others who love our home and our Country.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Age 13

Forbes, NSW

Wiradjuri girl