

**Submission
No 1043**

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITIES

Name: Rev Amanda Wheatley

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Dear Members of Select Committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities,

I am concerned about the following points regarding the construction of a Veolia Waste Facility at Tarago NSW.

- The health risks of continuous long-term exposure to even a low level of toxins.

The incinerator would be burning 380,000 tonnes per year of municipal, commercial, industrial, construction and demolition waste from Sydney containing plastic, metals and types resulting in toxic residual fly ash leftover from the incineration process at the site;

It will operate 24 hours a day, 365 days per year for a lifespan of 30 years and produce 30MW of power where-as a coal-fired power plant with equivalent emissions produces 876,000MW of power.

- I am concerned about the health risks caused by build-up of toxins in the environment over time. Having lived in a coal mining area for 8 years, I know something of the health effects of fine particle emissions over large distances.

Other concern about toxins in the area include;

- Economic risks to exports caused by contamination of agricultural produce.
- Economic risks to property valuations caused by devaluation due to contamination.

I would be very interested in an innovatory approach to alternative means of dealing with Sydney's rubbish: eg. methods of increasing landfill, decreasing packaging, increasing recycling, composting of food organics and garden organics and more.

- As with coal shipments in Newcastle region, I am concerned with the cost and disruption of utilizing the train system for rubbish instead of carrying freight and passengers.

Thank you for considering my submission,

sincerely,

Amanda Wheatley