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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED ENERGY FROM WASTE
FACILITIES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Aberglasslyn which is 25kms from the proposed Energy from Waste Incinerator at Tomago. I work every day at Tomago and I object to the construction of the Waste to Energy facility being built at Tomago or anywhere else in New South Wales.

My objections are on the following grounds:

There has been no real community consultation in the process - I did not hear about it until today from family who directed me to a minor article in today's Newcastle Herald. How can it be said there has been consultation? I have had to research myself to find out the facts about these facilities and the effects of having them. How are people supposed to engage in the debate about this and make informed decisions when there has been is no information forthcoming from the New South Wales government or the developers of the incinerator.

Research from around the world continues to show the long term and on-going harmful effects on the environment and human and health that these facilities have from the emissions they put out qgwhich end up in our food chain. World renown scientists and reputable organisations are speaking out against these facilities that are here now and in those proposed for the future. Many cou such as the one at Tomago.

I would like answers to the following questions:

1. What are the expected pollution levels of pollutants such as dioxins and heavy metals and do these align with current national air quality standards?
2. What emergency protocols will be in place if there is an emergency such as equipment failure, fire or emission leak?
3. How often will emissions be monitored and will this information be made available to the public?
4. How frequently will air, soil and water levels be monitored once the facility is operational?
5. Who will conduct the testing – the company itself or an independent body?
6. Will baseline data in the environment, such as soil, water and air quality be collected prior to the facility becoming operational so that future changes can be tracked? If not why not?
7. How will the operators of this facility ensure the local land, water and animals will not be contaminated by emissions or ash?
8. What safety measures will be put in place to ensure the safe the transportation of this hazardous material and prevent accidents?

For these reasons and many more I urge the committee to recommend that any further investigation into the Energy to Waste Facility at Tomago (or anywhere in New South Wales) until these questions are answered adequately and the communities that will be affected are fully informed and able to make informed decisions.

Hunter Region Resident