

**Submission  
No 1049**

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

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Select Committee on Proposed Energy from Waste Facilities  
The Hon Nichole Overall MLC, Chair  
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Dear Chair and Committee Members,

**Subject: Submission – Energy from Waste facilities**

On behalf of Narromine Shire Council, I write to provide a submission to the Select Committee regarding the proposed development of energy from waste (EfW) facilities.

Narromine Shire is a regional community with a strong agricultural base. Our land, water and air quality are critical to both our economy and our way of life. Agriculture supports local jobs, businesses and long-term growth.

Council recognises that energy from waste technologies may offer benefits, including reducing landfill and generating energy. However, these technologies are still developing and need to be carefully considered to ensure they are safe and suitable, particularly in regional areas.

Council supports a cautious approach to any future development of EfW facilities. It is important that:

- there is clear and independent evidence that the technology is safe and effective;
- any impacts on air, soil, water and agriculture are fully understood and clearly explained;
- there is full transparency about the chemicals, emissions and by-products produced, including how they are monitored and managed;
- strong regulations are in place to manage risks; and
- local communities are properly informed and involved in decision-making.

Given the importance of agriculture to all regional communities, it is essential that any EfW development does not negatively affect our farming systems, environment, or community confidence.

Council supports further investigation of these technologies but believes development should not move ahead faster than the available evidence or safeguards. A careful and considered approach is needed to protect regional communities from unintended impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Ewen Jones  
**Mayor**