

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Andrew Martin, and I live with my family on a property located near Gundaroo. We have sheep and horses, as well as an abundant variety of wildlife. I strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago.

Following are some of my major concerns that I have for the proposed incinerator:

1. It will poison viable farmland, native environments and waterways with the accumulation of toxic heavy metal particulates, acid gasses and persistent organic particulates.
2. The incinerator will have a lasting effect on the health of everyone in the region, and potentially have a harmful effect on generations to come. Locally grown crops and farm animals contaminated by incinerator toxins can cause cancer, infant death, miscarriage, reproductive issues and respiratory impairment.

The NSW Government acknowledges in its own Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan that waste incinerators impact human health stating "Populations can still experience health impacts when emissions are below the national standards, and for some common air pollutants, there is no safe threshold of impact".

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/waste/21p3261-energy-from-waste-infrastructure-plan.pdf?la=en&hash=16B8E1197E3D2BDFA8B69E2781AA1FDA8ACA8036>

A study was published in The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health (Volume 44, Issue 1 p. 40-48) on "The health impacts of waste incineration". The report states under Policy and Regulation:

- New incinerators should be located away from areas of food production.
- Food grown near an incinerator should be avoided.

The report states in the conclusion that "This systematic review highlights significant risks associated with waste incineration as a form of waste management."

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1753-6405.12939>

If the incinerator is not appropriate to be built near Sydney, it's not appropriate to be built at Tarago.