

To whom it may concern,

This is a submission to object to the Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278. This is being submitted via email as the NSW Planning Portal is not working and I cannot be sure my objection is being registered.

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Tarago within six kilometres of the proposed Tarago Waste Incinerator. Please note I would like my name and details withheld from publication therefore these are only included in the attached submission which has the full details of my objection.

Statement of Objection

This is a formal objection to the proposed Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278.

Veolia's proposed toxic waste incinerator has not been proven to be in the best interest of the community both within range of the expected toxic plume and the broader community. It has not been proven to be good for the environment, human, animal and biodiversity health. In fact it is quite the opposite as full plans for the plant and management of all waste products particularly the fine ash management have not been adequately described. Key reasons for my objection are listed below:

- The NSW Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan openly advises that in relation to energy from waste (waste incinerator) facilities that they not be located near high density and growing populations as people can still experience health impacts and for some air pollutants there is no safe threshold of impact. Government MUST follow its own recommendation for all humans not just those living within high density populations.
- There is no need for the incinerator. Current volumes (Veolia states they will not increase) show no need for additional incineration projects.
- The incinerator will produce 2.2m tonnes of toxic ash including flyaway ash which is classed as hazardous waste by the EPA.
- There is no management plan for how the toxic waste will be managed. It will currently be dumped onsite, risking further contamination to ground water. A further concern is the fact that this is part of the Sydney water catchment area. The dioxins, heavy metals, toxic gases and heavy metals cannot possibly be captured and there is no evidence to prove that any amount is healthy for humans and animals. It will end up in our drinking water supplies and on the food we grow in our gardens. It will also end up in all food grown in this area and sold around the country. Affecting the health of a much broader number of people. In an area as windy as Tarago, this should be one of the key elements to be resolved. Where is the solution? Where is the confidence that these toxic gases and fine ash will be contained and how will this be done?
- All evidence points to the fact this technology is not safe, it is not sustainable and it is not renewable.
- Waste incineration contributes to global warming in a time when we are only just beginning to breathe freely again from the horrific bushfires Tarago experienced in late 2019/early 2021. We contribute to these catastrophes by our short-sighted, ignorant attempts to manage our waste.

- Furthermore the prevailing winds in this area are North and North West and pollutants will be deposited across an area of at least 30 kms and likely further due to Tarago high winds. The communities of Canberra, Bungendore, Mt Fairy, Oallen, Windellema, Braidwood and Goulburn will also be impacted.
- We should be focusing on recycling technologies not wasting money on old incineration ideas.
- With the NSW Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan , Southern Goulburn Mulwaree Precinct (Woodlawn, Tarago) is now one of 4 designated precincts. This should not be taken as tacit approval and the community rejects Tarago's inclusion as one of these precincts as the parameters are based primarily on the fact that major industry has previously been present. This does not take into account the health and well-being of the community or the food industries now located in the region.

Please let us also call this proposal what it is - it is not an ARC, biblical, advanced or otherwise - it is an incinerator. A covered incinerator yes but it is still an incinerator. If we aren't ashamed or concerned about the process, we should not be simply hiding this fact, we should be fighting it by calling it out as an incinerator. This is old technology - old but cheap which is the only reason we are still considering it in 2022.

The residents of Tarago community deserve to continue to live in a healthy, non-toxic, safe and enjoyable environment. If this technology is as green and safe as Veolia suggested then why transport waste such long distances. At the very least these incinerators should be next to existing landfill in Sydney and Goulburn. The additional transport miles further add to the energy waste which will be caused by the proposal.

I declare I have not made any reportable political donations made in the last two years.

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Regards

