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Objection to proposed incinerator being built at Tarago. Project - Woodlawn ARC:SSD-21184278.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Relph', with a small dot at the end of the stroke.

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My name is Natalie Relph and I live in Queanbeyan, NSW. I strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built at Tarago. P Project - Woodlawn ARC:SSD-21184278.

I believe that Veolia's industrial waste incinerator will have a very negative impact on the environment and the health of communities in the region.

The reasons I object to this proposal are:

- If Veolia's proposal was to be approved and the incinerator was built at Tarago toxic air pollution will be emitted from it twenty four hours a day, every year, for 25 years. This toxic air pollution will spread over to areas throughout the region such as, but not limited to, Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra, Tarago, Canberra, Goulburn, Braidwood, Bungendore, Murrumbateman, Gunning, Marulan and Yass.
- This pollution will include acid gasses, toxic heavy metal particulates and persistent organic particulates. I am an asthmatic and this is a big issue for me personally as particulate pollution can lead to decreased lung function.
- Dioxins and furans not only pollute the air, they will gradually accumulate in soil and water and be absorbed by plants, crops and animals.
- Incinerator toxins contaminate food which then can cause (amongst other things) cancer, reproductive issues, infant deaths and respiratory impairment.
- There are reports that state there is insufficient evidence to conclude that any incinerator is safe. These reports also say there is a significant risk pathway for residents that live in the region of an incinerator, in relation to food contamination and ingestion of pollutants.
- To approve the project would be inconsistent with the New South Wales government commitment to Net zero emissions by 2030 as this incinerator would contribute to climate change by emitting 140,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases each year.

I declare that I have made no political donations in the past two years.

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