

Hi,

My name is Michael Warby and I live at 39 Firethorn Pl Jerrabomberra.

I strongly oppose the proposed Veolia incinerator to be built in Tarago.

I believe that Veolia's toxic incinerator will adversely affect residents in areas surrounding the site in the Queanbeyan Palerang Council area, the Goulburn council area and the Upper Lachlan Shire. While the environmental impact statement has stated that the discharge from burning the rubbish will be safe, I fail to see how they can state this, as the type of rubbish burnt cannot be controlled and could end up being all types of toxic materials, including asbestos. A significant number of dwellings in the aforementioned council areas do not have access to town reticulated water, but are dependant on tank water, collected from their rooves. This leaves them open to contamination from the potentially (and probably most likely) toxic discharges. Additionally, the smell from this incinerator will only add to the already pungent odour released from the current waste dumping at the old Woodlawn mine site.

While I do not live in close proximity to the proposed incinerator, my grand children do live in Collector and I genuinely fear for their health should the proposed incinerator proceed. I firmly believe that the airborne discharges will be collected in the tankwater for human consumption which will adversely affect the residents and children of the area. Additionally, the airborne particles will also adversely affect their health and I have genuine concerns for them.

Additionally, I am also concerned that with a wind blowing from the North East, we will be subject to the fumes being discharged from the incinerator.

Now, if the incinerator is so safe, then why does it have to be built in Tarago? It is waste from Sydney, so why can't their waste be burnt in their area? Would they like us to send our rubbish to Sydney for it to be burnt in their backyard? I suspect they would not allow that, so why should we.

Is this a political decision, because there are fewer voters in the proposed area, or is the discharge potentially lethal and will affect fewer people in the aforementioned areas?

I can assure you that if the current government continues to support the incinerator being built in Tarago, that my vote will not be cast in favour of them.

Regards,

Michael Warby