

Dear NSW Planning

Re: Veolia Waste Incinerator, Woodlawn ARC: SSD- 21184278.

I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed Tarago waste incinerator for the following reasons.

I live in northern Canberra (ACT) where NW winds from the Tarago area regularly reach Canberra's suburbs. Like many people, I am very concerned about the impact of toxic substances being breathed by our children, adversely affecting their health and placing increased financial burden on families and our health service.

And what of the local Southern Highlands community which will be adversely impacted by dense clouds of toxic gases billowing over their homes and farms? How will the company ensure that highly toxic ash residues will be treated to ensure that local soils and farmlands are not polluted?

I am especially concerned about pollution of ground and surface waters by highly persistent carcinogenic chemicals which can continue to cause pollution for hundreds of years. Lake George, local streams and rivers and those flowing into the Sydney catchment are all threatened by this project.

I disagree with assertions made by the company that burning waste to generate energy is a solution to climate change. Indeed the incineration of plastic products slows down efforts by governments and companies to reduce plastic product packaging. Such packaging is derived from fossil fuel feedstock, hence its mining and manufacture creates more emissions. Many consumers are doing our best to reduce plastic use, but this issue is more effectively addressed at the production end of the supply chain.

With the waste being sourced from the Sydney area, the transport impacts will be considerable. This will mean many more trucks on the Sydney - Canberra highway, potentially more accidents, more wear and tear on the road, increased cost to the NSW government. The road transport carbon emissions will contribute to the huge climate-related weather disruptions that Australian communities are already experiencing.

In thinking about this project, I can't help but see it as a poorly designed solution to Sydney's plastic and construction waste which will sacrifice the health of local NSW towns and farms, as well as the Canberra region. This region is a wine growing area and smoke pollution will adversely affect these crops, as was experienced in the 2019/2020 bush fires in the region.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

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