

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278

The Mulloon Institute is a not-for-profit charity leading in landscape rehydration and environmental regeneration at the property and catchment scales. One of our catchment scale projects is situated in the Mulloon Creek catchment east of Bungendore which includes 23 landholders covering 23,000ha and 50km of creek. We also operate two farms (Mulloon Creek Natural Farms, MCNF) totalling 2500ha within that catchment producing 'beyond organic' eggs and beef. Substantial scientific equipment has been installed in this catchment to monitor landscape changes including, but not limited to, water flow and quality, soil moisture, ground water patterns, climate changes, etc. Significant academic research and education is carried out within this catchment that includes the use of data collected by the instrumentation.

Given the nature of our work, we have been approached by many farmers, landholders and other community personnel expressing their collective concern at the proposed Waste to Electricity plant planned for the Woodlawn Waste Facility. We note the very long list of issues the NSW Environment Protection Authority has identified as part of the EIS process. Matters of particular concern raised with us include air quality, odour, impact on ground water supplies and quality, impact on farming operations and other local infrastructure deficiencies.

As a scientific organisation we would expect to see the most stringent examination of all issues of concern prior to reaching a final decision with respect to this proposal. While we understand that reducing the yearly volume of landfill and the production of less carbon dioxide emitting electricity are positive environmental goals, they should not come at the loss of other environmental sensitivities nor local amenity. We look forward to following the process from this point and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Please note I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and submission declaration.

Best Wishes

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