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My name is [REDACTED], and I live in [REDACTED]. My sister and 4-year-old niece live in Collector, NSW which is located 20km from the proposed Tarago Incinerator. I totally object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago.

I spent 4 months living Collector with my sister and I have witnessed first-hand the massive impact this proposal has had on my sister's mental health and general well-being. For the last 12 months my sister has spent every spare waking moment working on getting the message out to residents about Veolia's proposed waste-to-energy incinerator. This includes letter box drops, Facebook posts and setting up petitions. She does this on top of a demanding full-time job and looking after a four-year-old. Despite her best efforts, most of the people she talks to are still unaware of Veolia's proposal to build a giant waste to energy incinerator in their region. The reaction is always the same – dismay, disbelief and disgust that the NSW Government would even consider their region, a prime agricultural land as well as home to thousands of residents as an appropriate site even though it said it was deemed not safe for Sydney residents.

She has shared with me her anxiety about a future with an incinerator in the region including:

- not wanting to let the kids play outside for fear of forever cancer causing chemicals that have settled in the soil finding their way into their systems
- not being able to open the windows to let fresh air in for fear of everything in their home being contaminated with forever cancer causing chemicals.
- not being able to drink, bathe or wash with the water from the tap because of the forever cancer causing chemicals settling on the roof and finding their way into their water tanks (Their only source of water).
- not wanting to allow her daughter to visit friends' houses in fear that the parents may allow her to drink their tank water.
- no longer being able to eat vegetables grown in their garden for fear of forever cancer causing chemicals contamination from the soil.

If this incinerator is so safe, WHY is the NSW Government going to so much trouble to ship millions of tonnes of garbage so far away from the source in Sydney and generating millions of unnecessary emissions in the process? Last I checked we were in a climate crisis. The region is surrounded by wind turbines, the small amounts of energy generated by burning garbage does not justify contaminating the health and wellbeing of an entire region now and into the future. Discounting the massive profits Veolia is going to generate there is absolutely no positives for installing a giant industrial waste incinerator - The community and environment will be far worse off if this was to go ahead.

I implore the NSW Government to do the right thing for the environment, community and future generations by banning Waste-to-Energy incinerators in NSW.

I, [REDACTED], have not made any reportable political donations in the last two years.

I, [REDACTED], acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.