

My name is Maree Church. I live at 768 Covan Creek Road, a property that is 7.5km in a direct line from the proposed site of the Veolia incinerator.

I strongly object to Veolia's proposal to build an incinerator in Tarago.

I believe that this toxic waste incinerator will reduce the value of our business, our property and will adversely affect the health of our family.

On our property we produce beef and sheep that are sold into the Australian and International Food Markets. We have worked hard to comply with many government regulations to ensure these are of the highest quality for human consumption.

The toxic ash and particles emitted from this incinerator will land on our dams and soil, and be consumed by our livestock.

This incinerator will erode our clean, green image for producing quality livestock and eventually make our business untenable. Also, it will seriously reduce the value of our land if we try to sell it.

Our own health will also be seriously affected by the pollution from this incinerator. It will affect our air quality. The stench from the Veolia tip is already often nauseating, making it difficult to work outside. It will affect our drinking water, our fruit trees, our vegetable garden, our chooks, our soil and our dams that we swim in.

We have had no communication from Veolia about their development plans. Veolia are not succeeding with what they are doing currently, why are we allowing them to do something that is so much more hazardous?

I declare that I have not made any reportable political donations in the last two years.

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

Yours faithfully,

Maree Church