

re: Project & Application number: Woodlawn - ARC: SSD-21184278

My name is Janet Thompson, and I live at 209 Rowntree Street, Balmain NSW 2041. I am writing to object to the Tarago Incinerator proposal.

I am deeply concerned at the Australia wide push for companies towards making money from incinerating waste. In particular, today I am objecting to the Tarago Incinerator proposed for Canberra.

According to scientists, such as Yuyun Ismawati (UN Environment representative from Indonesia) Plastic is carbon and chemicals. These chemicals are toxic, persistent and harmful to human health and our environment. They are also invisible and will poison the next products made if they are reused and recycled. The particles and polluting gas & fallout from burning plastic is potentially very dangerous for people living near an incinerator.

There are other means of getting rid of some types of plastic waste, such as breaking down the plastics used in disposable nappies, (Huggies in particular were used in the study by Kimberley Clark Australia and CSIRO) via anaerobic digestion. The Organic materials in Huggies can be turned into nutrient rich compost they are finding, which is very good news given Australia produces 1.5 BILLION disposable nappies a year to landfill.

The excellent recent announcement by Minister for the Environment, Tanya Plibersek, that we will shortly have a revamped EPBC Act, may contribute to new opportunities for zero waste policies and a circular economy, not including proposed incineration plans which would include dangerous polluting practices, and perhaps give us re-usable packaging and safe products.

Thankyou for this opportunity to object.

Janet Thompson