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**RE: OBJECTION TO WOODLAWN ADVANCED ENERGY RECOVERY CENTRE (ARC)
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) - APPLICATION NUMBER: SSD-21184278**

I have not made any reportable donations to any political party.

I acknowledge and accept the Department of Environment & Planning's disclaimer and declaration.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED INCINERATOR.

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My name is Ekaterina Mortensen and I live in Quialigo NSW on 105 acres. I strongly object to the proposed Veolia's incinerator being built near Tarago, that is approximately 23km from us.

We live in a clean and beautiful environment of Australia's nature and we want to make sure it stays this way. Living in rural environment is our choice as we believe it is cleaner and healthier environment than life in any cities.

During my 22 years and my husband's 34 years on this land, my husband and I maintain the land in its native form without fertilisers and unnecessary disturbance of the soil. We belong to Wild Life Australia preserving the environment for native animals and birds that have a right to live. During our time here we have grown thousands of native trees on our place through Greening Australia.

After talking to Veolia's representatives in Goulburn Library, reading Factsheets from www.notaragoincinerator.com and attending the GMC meeting I strongly believe that Veolia's toxic industrial waste incinerator **will poison this environment that we have been so favouring for years.**

Veolia claims that the incinerator will be safe. Knowing who we are dealing with, the Veolia that can't run properly the facilities already running for 20 years in Woodlawn, I can't trust a word about benefits of this new project.

Let's start from the beginning. Whose waste it is and why a tiny rural community has to cope with it. The representative of Veolia, Mr Richard Kirkman, at the Goulburn Mulwarree Council Meeting on 29th November 2022 said as an excuse that "we all create rubbish and we have to deal with it". No, "Mr Veolia", this is **not** right because we didn't create Sydney's rubbish.

Let's believe for the moment that the proposed incinerator is safe. If so there is no point in wasting fuel for transporting it hundreds of kilometres away. Such facilities could be easily built in vicinity of rubbish source - if it is so safe.

I can see the reasons for putting such incinerator far away from the source of rubbish because:

1. Veolia put one leg near Tarago in Woodlawn Facilities already, so it's an obvious "easy" spot for further development and

2. because the community of Tarago and adjoining areas is relatively small compared to Sydney's population so Veolia doesn't expect a lot of resistance and objections.

3. And the main reason - because the produced chemicals created by burning garbage at the planned low temperature are in fact dangerous and also no one can guarantee 100% lack of human error and equipment malfunction during 25 years of its life.

One of the speakers, Chris Hanson, at Goulburn Mulwarree Council Meeting on 29th November 2022, explained in detail of chemical impacts of such facilities. The number of produced chemicals during burning of rubbish are impressive. The complications of impacts on human health are unspeakable and is irreversible. The production of dioxins and furans are detrimental and no one in a clear mind would suggest to expose anyone to such things in any amount.

Through reading a number of articles about such incinerators in other countries I get to know that such facility will produce toxic ash, acid gases, toxic heavy metal particulates, persistent organic particulates (including dioxins, furans and others).

Such dangerous chemicals production 24/7 without doubt **will affect human lives** in an area of hundreds of square kilometres and beyond through the food production and trade; it will affect **air, soils and water** over the same area through accumulation of these chemicals.

The presence of such facility will impact property value, that automatically would bring mental health of the affected owners of properties to the edge.

I strongly object against Veolia's Waste Incinerator proposal because I believe that people of Tarago and all surrounding districts have the same rights as Sydney population. Rural population can't be discriminated against by imposing dangerous facilities on their environment. The government have to back off with this ridiculous proposal as the Tarago community doesn't give permission to build it in the proposed area. Not safe for Sydney, not safe anywhere.

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