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Woodlawn ARC Waste Incinerator Proposal – Our Objection

As parents of six children, and grandparents of 13 grandchildren and as long-term residents of the Canberra – Bungendore region, we are seriously concerned and object to the proposed Woodlawn ARC Waste Incinerator going ahead for the following reasons:

Pollution

As residents, we don't want to breathe polluted air and eat contaminated food. We currently purchase produce grown in the Mt Fairy and Windellama regions from the local Farmers Markets

The long-term unknown effects of such large scale toxic emissions is a strong reason not to proceed with the Incinerator

Tarago's underground water table would already be irreversibly contaminated for life so the community shouldn't suffer above ground pollution as well

Environment

Nearby Lake George is a geological phenomenon and should be protected from pollution

Some residents have moved to the region for a cleaner than city living lifestyle for themselves and their families. Some families run small businesses based on clean food production and a genuine effort to counteract climate change by living closer to nature ie by digging clean soil, breathing clean air and drinking clean water.

The toxic incinerator emissions will contaminate the ground, air and water forever so we do not want the Woodlawn ARC Project to proceed. The Plume Plotter showing potentially how far the contaminated air will travel is another powerful reason why we object to the Veolia Incinerator Project proceeding as residents of outlying areas may be unaware of the polluted air they have to breathe

Health

Individually, residents may suffer irreversible health problems associated with breathing toxic air, drinking contaminated water and eating contaminated food. A cleaner method of processing the existing waste should be researched to lessen the bad health impacts on the population

Economics

Individual families stand to lose value on what is usually their main asset ie the family home and/or property because of the potentially polluted region. This isn't fair when a large company like Veolia can make a profit at the community's expense

Political Donations

We have not made any political donations in the last two years

Disclaimer and Declaration

We accept and acknowledge the Department's disclaimer and declaration

We object to the current Woodlawn ARC Veolia Incinerator Project proceeding for the above reasons but we do support a cleaner technology approach. Can Veolia research and use cleaner technology to process the public's waste without sacrificing the existing good things in life please

Yours sincerely

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