

I wish to OBJECT to the above application

In recent years the people in this area have had the emotional burden, stress and anxiety of drought, followed by bushfires, followed by floods and then add on top of all this the anxiety of a toxic incinerator being built on their doorstep, impacting their quality of life and their livelihoods. How much more are the people of this area expected to tolerate before their mental health and wellbeing are put first? Aren't people's lives worth more than profits of a multinational company based offshore???

What's going to happen when our water tanks which are our only source of water become tainted? Is the incinerator going to be shut down immediately? Who is going to pay for us to have clean and safe drinking water? Isn't clean safe drinking water a human right?

The project itself doesn't make economic sense. The incinerator we are told is going to cost \$600 million dollars to build and I have been to all the Veolia Community information sessions and have been told on more than one occasion that there is no plan to increase the amount of rubbish being transported to the facility. So why then would you spend so much money to build a facility that will only service the rubbish currently being received? Are we being lied to already? If this is something that is really necessary build it in Sydney and save the transportation costs which are adding to the greenhouse gases in moving the rubbish to Tarago. Save the local roads which are barely able to be maintained as it is and keep the rubbish at the source. But oh that's right an incinerator isn't safe enough for the people of Sydney.

I work locally and if this project goes ahead my job could very much be impacted by it. Why should I have to find a job out of this area because my job here has been destroyed? Why is my job any less significant than anyone else's?

This project is billed as a State Significant project. I don't see it that way at all as it isn't significant to anyone else in the state other than those in Sydney, and its already been said it's not safe enough for those people. It should instead be called a Sydney Significant Project and why should my health, or that of my children, my family and my friends be any less significant than that of the people of Sydney.

During the height of the Covid pandemic NSW led the country with how they handled the state and the impacts on its residents and businesses. Why can't NSW be a leader once again when it comes to innovative rubbish solutions? Other states have said no to incinerators and so should NSW. There has to be a better solution to Sydneys rubbish problem? Can't NSW be the innovator and leader and show the country the best practices to reduce, reuse and recycle instead of burning the rubbish?

NSW needs to ban incinerators state wide and prevent the nightmare that the people of Tarago and surrounds are living through now from ever being repeated or reintroduced with different wording or a different application. Please end our fight against this and any other potential applications so we can go back to living stress free and happy lives.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

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

Thank you

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