

re: Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278

I object to the proposed incinerator for many reasons, mainly because scientific research shows waste-to-energy (WTE) incinerators:

1. pollute the surrounding air, waterways and land with dangerous toxins such as mercury, lead and persistent environmental pollutants such as dioxins ;
2. pose serious health risks for nearby residents and anyone drinking water from the surrounding water catchment or food produced nearby ;
3. put dangerous toxins into the human food chain.. Tarago and the surrounding region is a big agricultural producer of lamb, beef, chicken, wine, and other human food and livestock feed;
4. contribute to global warming and climate change
5. do not form part of a sustainable waste management plan for the future - they are more climate polluting per unit of energy than coal, oil and gas (See source 4) ;
6. discourage the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) of best-practice, sustainable waste management
7. poses a commercial risk to local industry, businesses and livelihoods (especially agriculture);
8. in rural areas encourages an "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" approach to the management of Sydney's waste problems
9. are inefficient and ineffective energy producers and are not recognised as a sustainable energy resource
10. do not form part of the circular economy model that Australia is shifting to
11. create highly toxic fly ash that then needs to be transported and stored in containment cells for generations to come
12. require a highly sorted and consistent waste stream to manage filtration of particulate emissions
13. will increase the already dangerous numbers of trucks on Tarago's narrow and poorly maintained rural roads
14. will increase the amount of garbage arriving in Tarago, and intensify odour problems the town experiences from the current Veolia operations
15. Veolia has misled the Goulburn Mulwaree community about previous developments, cannot manage the odour and emissions from its current operations, and has demonstrated a lack of concern for community wellbeing

NOTE STATEMENT:

I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration

regards

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