

Dear Madam/Sir

I refer to the proposal: Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278

My name is Alice Cawte and I am a resident of Barton in the Australian Capital Territory.

I write to object to the proposal by the Veolia company to construct a waste incinerator at Tarago.

I am concerned about the quantity and toxic quality of the emissions the incinerator will produce.

I understand that the technology that the incinerator will use is outdated and has been banned in much of Europe; it has also been banned by the ACT Government and by the NSW Government for use in Sydney.

I am concerned that modelling shows that toxic pollution (of the sort that the NSW Government wants to ensure Sydney residents don't have to breathe) will impact Canberra, Goulbourn, Murrumbateman, Gunning and other population centres in NSW.

I am concerned that toxins from the incinerator waste will leach into the ground water impacting our region's water and in time our food supplies.

I applaud the recent initiative of the NSW Government to ban single-use straws, cutlery, bowls and other plastics.

I would urge you to do more to reduce waste – to reuse and recycle better – rather than build another incinerator.

This incinerator is not the answer, nor even part of the answer, to Sydney's waste problem.

Please don't build this incinerator.

Yours sincerely

Alice Cawte

PS I have not made any reportable political donations in the last two years, and I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.