

My name is Jennifer Waters, I live in Lower Boro NSW 2580. I strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago.

I believe having Veolia's toxic waste incinerator will be detrimental to our community and environment. Incineration is a step backward for our environment and should never be considered. Veolia has proven time and time again that they can not be trusted to do what is right for the community. The constant offensive odour from their site has caused a great deal of distress to myself, my family and the community, Veolia's trucks are destroying our local roads that were never made to cope with the added weight. No matter how many complaints they receive from our community nothing seems to change. My children had to change schools due to the sickening rubbish smells causing constant headaches from the trains sitting opposite the school during school hours. How can they be trusted to ensure our safety over their own profits when they have already proven they are negligent.

I am very distressed about the dangers to my families health if the incinerator were to go ahead. Pollution from the proposed incinerator will include acid gases, toxic heavy metal particulates (mercury, lead cadmium) and persistent organic particulates (dioxins, furans, PCBs, PFAS). Particulate pollution can lead to decreased lung function, cardiac disease and death. In addition to polluting the air, dioxins and furans will accumulate in the surrounding environment over time in soil and water and are absorbed by plants, crops and animals. Our drinking water (tank water) would be compromised, the fruit and vegetables from our garden, no longer be edible, the livestock we produce would no longer be suitable for human consumption; our family home and farm would be worthless after all our hard work. I deeply care for our land and the natural environment. I have over 130 acres of land with many native animals and plants that would also be at risk. I believe Sydney should manage their own waste and not be allowed to dump their waste in our community or anyone else's community, just because we are a small community so having a smaller voice does not mean we should be dumped with Sydney's problems. Our voices matter, our health matters, our environment matters, our children matter.

In addition, do you want to be purchasing food from your local Aldi, Woolworths or Coles that could be contaminated by incinerator toxins that have been proven to cause miscarriage, infant deaths, developmental delays, reproductive issues, heart disease, respiratory disease and cancer. I know I don't.

Please put a stop to this before it is too late.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

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

Kind Regards,

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