

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Breadalbane. I strongly object to Veolia's application (Woodlawn ARC: SSD-21184278) for a waste incinerator being built in Tarago.

If Veolia's industrial waste incinerator is approved, I believe it will have serious consequences for the health of the surrounding communities and the environment.

My concerns for this proposed incinerator are many and include;

The pollution emitted from this incinerator will include heavy metals such as mercury, lead and cadmium that are known neurotoxins, can cause allergic reactions and mast cell degranulation and are recognised as causative agents for many chronic diseases such as developmental delay, reproductive issues, cardiopulmonary diseases, cognitive decline and cancers.

This poisonous pollution that is planned to be emitted 24/7 will spread throughout a large region, and will have a negative impact on fruits & vegetables, stock; inclusive of fibre and food production, water quality for rain water tanks, and air quality.

In its own Energy from Waste Infrastructure plan, the NSW Government recognises that "Populations can still experience health impacts when emissions are below the national standards, and for some common air pollutants, there is no safe threshold of impact".

Academics from ANU were published in 2022 as saying "there is insufficient evidence to conclude that any incinerator is safe" and furthermore "contamination of food and ingestion of pollutants is a significant risk pathway for both nearby and distant residents".

This facility will have a detrimental impact on tourism to the surrounding regions inclusive of the Coastal regions, wineries, and our capital city to name a few. This will ultimately harm the economic value of the region for many years to come.

Profit derived for Veolia will have very little benefit for Australia and its people. This foreign owned company will not require many employees and will do nothing to add value to the local region that will bear the brunt of the environmental and health impacts.

This project has already been rejected in Sydney in July of 2018, where the NSW Independent Planning Commission found it to not be in the public interest. Many reasons were sighted but included, safety concerns, insufficient evidence that pollution control technologies would cope with managing emissions, air and water quality impacts, health and environmental impacts. Since these findings, Sydney has banned toxic waste incinerators due to the risks. If this is not safe for Sydney, then why would a change in location make it any different?

I declare that I have not made any reportable political donations to any political party over the last two year period.

I hereby declare that I acknowledge and accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

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