

I am a pioneer of the Canberra Wine Industry - planting our first grape in 1973 and have now a reputation as a leading Australian wine producer of Riesling and Cabernet sauvignon.
The Woodlawn proposal will put Helm Wines and the Canberra Wine Industry in danger of being destroyed by the pollution from this proposal.
See attached Australian Wine Research Institute attached assessments of the pollution that will be produced by such an incinerator. .

The unique climate of the Canberra district is a major reason the wine regions produce premium grapes and wines.

One important aspect of the climate is the unique summer evening sea breeze (Bateman's Breath) and at times brings the smell of salt with it. .

The Breeze comes into the Canberra region regularly from the coast, moving across the Woodland site at about 5.30 to 8 pm and reduces the temperature providing cool nights which is important for premium grape production.

This breeze would also bring all the pollinates from the Incinerator to our vineyards with disastrous effects. See the reports of smoke taint from 2020 bushfires on vineyards across Australia.

I am an ex-researcher insect ecology at CSIRO, ex Councillor and Mayor of Yass Shire and 50-year pioneer of the Canberra Wine Region,

I do not oppose development, unless it adversely affects the existing community, industries and agriculture as this proposal will do based on findings of independent bodies like AWRI.

Helm Wines strongly opposes this development.

Note: Helm Wines donated a case of wine to the Federal ALP Election campaign. May 2022.

Note: Acknowledge and accept the Department disclaimer and declaration.

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