

I, Joni Lucas, of 526 Mount Fairy Road, Mount Fairy NSW 2580, object to the proposed waste incinerator at Tarago (Woodlawn ARC:SSD-21184278).

The reasons for my objection are as follows;

- The proposed incinerator will spew tonnes of toxic material into the air and onto the farms surrounding it. This toxic material will fall onto our roofs and into our waterways. My family (including our young children) will not safely be able to consume either our tank water, or our eggs, or vegetables from our garden. We have no safe and cost-effective alternative for drinking water. They will breathe in the toxic fumes, placing them at a significant risk of cancer and long-term health problems.

- Our livestock and property will be affected by the toxic ash, making them sick and shortening their lifespans. Our racehorses will not be able to reach their performance potentials. We will not be able to feed locally grown feed/hay to our animals, and our dams will be polluted.

- The proposed incinerator would have a severe economic impact on our local community. We will not be able to continue to make money from agriculture, as our produce will be deemed unsafe. Our real estate will drop significantly in value. Long-term health implications will make it difficult for people to work.

- The proposed waste incinerator will contribute to climate change, with more emissions and less power production than coal-fired power plants. It is not, as Veolia have claimed, a 'green' option. This type of incinerator has been proven to be problematic and damaging in Europe.

- Veolia have proven that they are incapable of managing their environmental responsibilities. They have received fines and breached license conditions numerous times, with regard to their operation of the Tarago landfill. They do not care about the local community, or the area in which they operate, and will continue to put profits ahead of people, if the proposed incinerator goes ahead. They withdrew funding from Goulburn-Mulwaree council when the council opposed the incinerator proposal.

- The proposed incinerator dumps Sydney's waste onto our small community to deal with. Most of us are careful with our waste, minimising rubbish creation, as we do not have garbage collection. We will have to take responsibility for the wasteful habits of those living in Sydney.

- The proposed waste incinerator will damage our local economy, by adversely affecting our sources of income, real estate values, and visitor numbers. It will not contribute to the local economy, or to jobs- we are close to the industrial and economic centres of Canberra and Goulburn, which have plenty of employment opportunities.

- The proposed incinerator will destroy the local community, similar to the way that Williamtown in NSW has been affected by exposure to the pollutant PFAS.

- The scope of the incinerator's pollution is enormous- stretching across the Southern Tablelands to Canberra, Goulburn, and the mountains to the east. Australia's own capital city is at a real risk of becoming unsafe to live in.

- I would no longer feel safe living at Mount Fairy if the proposed incinerator goes ahead. We are within 10-15km of the proposed incinerator, and I would look to relocate my family immediately. If this were to happen, due the incinerator, our property would still hold little value. We would be

unlikely to be able to afford a similar property in a safe location. We will lose our connections to our community, our property and our money, or our health and our income.

- The Ngunnawal, Gundungurra Pejar, and Ngambri people, are the traditional custodians of the land which will be impacted by this project. Governments have a responsibility to care for, and to protect this land.

I have not made any political donations in the last two years.

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

Regards,

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