

Dear Assessment Team,

Waste disposal is understandably a huge material handling problem for any major city. The decision of where to place a disposal site that is far enough away to minimise environmental costs vs close enough to minimise transportation costs is a balancing act.

However, when considering this project, the costs to the environment and NSW's rural farmers add significantly to one side of this equation. Our livelihood depends on producing premium quality cool climate grapes from our 20 H vineyard located in NSW close to the ACT border. Our crop is highly sought after by NSW winemakers as we produce our crop using biodynamic farming principles so that the grapes carry no unwanted chemical traces. These grapes are sold months and, in some cases, years before the crop is harvested and produce trophy-winning wines. No winemaker will contract the purchase of grapes that risk exposure to toxic fumes.

The report from the AWRI explains the risk that the incinerator poses - copy attached.

Please consider the damage that the incinerator would cause NSW grape growers and increase the need for NSW winemakers to buy in substitute grapes from other states. Please consider the compensation that affected growers would seek to address the unintended consequences if this development should go ahead.

Regards

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