

Objection to Veolia's Tarago Incinerator proposal (Woodlawn ARC)

My name is Mr Wayne Watson and I live in Quialigo and often visit Tarago. **I strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago.**

I believe that Veolia's toxic industrial waste incinerator will be of great detriment to my family's health and the health and wellbeing of all those living and working in Tarago and the surrounding district. I also believe it will be bad for the communities health it has the potential to poison the environment. This will badly impact property values and cause hardship to families especially young children. In effect this could, and will, if allowed to proceed ruin the future of the District.

There are many reasons for my objection, such as:

- Veolia's incinerator proposal will emit toxic air pollution 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for 25 years, which will spread throughout the region from Canberra to Goulburn, Braidwood, Bungendore, Murrumbateman, Gunning, Marulan, Yass and Quialigo where I reside.
- This incinerator will impact the health of our children, grandchildren and their grandchildren through the accumulation of forever chemicals in the surrounding environment. It is an intergenerational burden and legacy which cannot be allowed to go ahead. There needs to be a healthy future for the generations to come.
- The proposal has already caused significant detrimental negative impact to surrounding communities' mental health by increasing anxiety and depression. This will only be increased if the project goes ahead as those living nearby continue to stress about when their health will start to show the impacts of the pollution from the facility, or having to stay indoors. My wife works in Tarago and I fear for her health and wellbeing. This is like a dark toxic cloud hanging over our community.
- The town has suffered impacts from the Woodlawn site for almost 45 years. The first 20 years from zinc, lead and copper mining undertaken on site, and the last 15 years from Veolia breaching its license conditions through impacting the surrounding region with unbearable odour impacts. The local town is also living with significant lead contamination in and surrounding the rail corridor, including local residences, which has directly impacted the long-term health of the community and young residents, due to long standing impacts from the previous Woodlawn mine. After all this suffering it seems very unfair to burden and continue to expose our community to detrimental impacts to health and wellbeing.

This type of proposal has been rejected for use in Sydney due to the serious health implications.

This project must also be rejected - If they aren't safe for Sydney then they aren't safe for Tarago.

I sincerely hope that for the future of the town and the health and wellbeing of all, this proposal does not go ahead. Too many lives and livelihoods will be seriously affected and kill off yet another rural gem of this country.

Yours Sincerely,

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