

NSW Planning

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: WOODLAWN ADVANCED ENERGY RECOVERY CENTRE

My name is Alistair Carwardine.

We are a farming family living in Parkesbourne, NSW. We farm beef cattle, living on our property. At that property we also grow fruit and vegetables along with feed grains and hay for our own cattle as well as onsale to other farmers in the district.

Our priority as farmers is to produce beef in a sustainable fashion: oddly enough, we view ourselves as soil farmers, increasing the organic carbon of the soil on our property: cattle are part of that process.

I write to strongly object to Veolia's proposed incinerator being built in Tarago.

With our responsibilities to efficiently manage soil and soil carbon, it is incomprehensible the NSW Government is even considering allowing the incineration of waste in NSW.

We take this strong stand for several clear reasons:

- Burning waste produces biproducts which are incredibly dangerous for long term health and environmental impacts. There is much evidence to support this position, indeed, there is insufficient evidence to conclude any incinerator is safe.
- The cost benefit return of burning such waste produces a negligible amount of electricity compared to the energy input for burning. Indeed, the equivalent burn by a conventional power station produces far more electricity.
- Material amounts of carbon are released as part of the process which are not effectively captured through the burn.
- The goal of burning waste is to effectively remove it. Other methods exist to do so, without the same environmental or health impacts.
- Veolia has a record of poor management at Woodlawn

If an incinerator is not permitted in Sydney, why should the same be allowed to be built at Tarago?

Yours faithfully,

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