



More Scrutiny
Welcome!

Last month saw a significant development in our fight against Veolia's proposed waste incinerator in Tarago. The NSW Legislative Council has announced a new Parliamentary Inquiry into incinerator

proposals across the state - including Tarago! This provides an excellent opportunity to get on the record exactly why these projects are wrong for NSW and catastrophic for towns like ours.

The inquiry's terms of reference are broad (Ref 1), covering everything from the environmental and health impacts of waste incineration to the impact on agriculture, rainwater harvesting and soil contamination. It will also cover the impacts of Veolia's existing landfill operations here in Tarago over the last twenty years, meaning a light can be shone on Veolia's woeful record of consistent license breaches and negative impact on the local community.

This consideration of Veolia's past behaviour is important. Over the years, we have endured odour events so bad they've made people physically ill. We've seen water contamination risks flagged repeatedly, including the NSW EPA's own recent notification about excessive levels of contaminants and PFAS in creeks surrounding Woodlawn and linking the chemicals found to landfills (Ref 2). We've watched as Veolia has racked up numerous fines, breach notices and warnings for non-compliance with license conditions. And we've witnessed the cumulative effect of having a mega-landfill in the middle of a rural community that relies on tank water, clean air, and healthy soils for our livelihoods.

That impact is the smell on the morning and evening air; the trucks rumbling past our homes; the creeping worry about what's leaching into our waterways. It's the knowledge that despite decades of operation, we still face unacceptable environmental risks and impacts from the landfill. And now Veolia and the NSW Government want to add a toxic incinerator into the mix.

We'll keep you updated on the Inquiry through our Facebook pages and website:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080002033843>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/491803828839813>
www.notaragoincinerator.com

The history of the Woodlawn landfill teaches us one thing - silence helps no one but Veolia. Every breach notice, fine and improvement has been the direct result of residents speaking up, making noise, lodging complaints and holding Veolia and regulators to account.

Now we are facing the biggest fight yet. If we don't

stand up, this incinerator will be approved, locked in and spewing toxic emissions into our region for decades to come. The Parliamentary Inquiry is an opening, but it's only as powerful as the voices that speak up to it.

This is not the time to sit back and hope others will do it for you. We need more members, more hands, and more voices. We need people willing to take on key roles in our Committee and help drive this campaign. Every skill is useful - from writing and research to organising events and spreading the word.

Join CATTI today. Take a stand for Tarago, for our environment, and for our future. The only way we stop this incinerator is by being active, vocal and united. Visit www.notaragoincinerator.com to join now. Membership is only \$5 per year (plus \$1 joining fee). This is our community - and it's worth fighting for.

*The Committee,
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REFERENCES

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