



STILL TIME! Tell the NSW EPA you say NO to a Tarago Incinerator!

After pressure from the public, the NSW Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the public consultation

period for their review into the NSW waste incinerator framework. You now have until 5pm Friday 16th May to make a submission.

Our community's health, environment and livelihood should not be sacrificed to manage Sydney's waste problems. Proper waste management doesn't take place out of sight and mind of those who generate the waste in the first place. We need to ensure this beautiful region remains a safe and vibrant place for generations to come. The EPA review is an opportunity for everyone to again make clear there is no place for toxic incinerators in regional areas like Tarago.

Have your say by completing the survey on the EPA's review website - <https://yoursay.epa.nsw.gov.au/nsw-energy-waste-framework-review> or emailing your views directly to energyfromwaste@epa.nsw.gov.au.

If you choose to complete the survey, be aware it can be confusing. To oppose the incinerator in Tarago, you must answer "strongly disagree" to the question on "No changes to Parkes Special Activation Precinct and Southern Goulburn Mulwaree Precinct" - then in the comments box clearly state that you oppose any incinerator in Tarago and your reasons why. The EPA refers to Tarago as Southern Goulburn Mulwaree, and current regulations allow incinerators here, so disagreeing with "no changes" is critical.

To help inform your submissions, below is a brief overview of key points CATTI provided the EPA in our submission. You can see the full version on our website - www.notaragoincinerator.com.

- CATTI unequivocally reject any attempt to legitimise waste incineration as a solution to NSW's waste management issues. Energy from waste incineration does not represent a safe, sustainable or equitable pathway forward. The EPA's proposals, under the guise of managing Sydney's waste growth, will result in:
 - Irreversible harm to regional communities;
 - Worsening public health outcomes;
 - Increased climate and toxic pollution;
 - Displacement of more sustainable waste practices; and
 - Further erode public trust in environmental governance and regulation.

The people of Tarago - and NSW - deserve a cleaner, healthier and more just future, not one built on burning waste and burning trust.

CATTI calls on the NSW EPA to immediately:

1. Conduct a more genuine, critical and transparent review of the need for waste incineration within NSW backed up by independent research and analysis.
2. Provide an opportunity for members of the public to hear directly from the EPA and ask questions of the review - particularly those in regional NSW.
3. Update and amend all relevant policy and framework documentation to acknowledge waste incineration does not form part of a circular economy and works counter to such a system.
4. Incorporate a detailed and transparent review of human health and environmental impacts of waste incineration into its review of the energy from waste framework. This must include genuine consultation and be conducted by scientific experts in the field of environmental science and human health - not just engineers or experts linked to the waste industry.
5. Immediately cease incorporating, and remove all existing, false and misleading claims that waste incineration can deliver positive outcomes for the community and environment.
6. Remove Tarago (Southern Goulburn Mulwaree precinct) from the EPA's Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan as a permissible site to locate a waste incineration facility.
7. Remove all other identified energy from waste precincts as permissible sites until a detailed and transparent review is undertaken demonstrating social license for such infrastructure exists at those locations and that it would not constitute unacceptable cumulative impact on those communities based on existing and historical developments.

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And continue reporting every time you smell Veolia's stench in Tarago to the NSW EPA on 131 555 or info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

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