

WHAT IS VEOLIA'S INCINERATOR PROPOSAL FOR TARAGO?

FACTSHEET #1



- 1** Veolia wants to build a garbage incinerator near Lake George to burn **380,000 tonnes** of Sydney's waste each year.¹
- 2** It pumps out harmful air emissions such as:
 - **acid gases**
 - **toxic heavy metal particulates** (mercury, lead, cadmium)
 - **persistent organic particulates** (dioxins, furans, PCBs, PFAS).²
- 3** Veolia admits the incinerator will exceed the NSW Government **safety standards** for air emissions.¹
- 4** It will produce over **380,000 tonnes** of toxic, hazardous 'fly ash' and **1.9 million tonnes** of contaminated 'bottom ash'.¹
- 5** **Hazardous waste** will be stored in the ground near Tarago¹, risking the groundwater supplies of our region and the Sydney catchment.
- 6** Electricity made by the incinerator is **dirtier than coal-fired power**.² It burns fossil fuel products (like **plastic**) and uses an industrial diesel fuel burner.¹
- 7** Veolia says the incinerator is safe.¹ Veolia **breaches licence conditions**.³ Veolia tries to stop the community accessing important information.⁴ **Can we trust Veolia?**
- 8** The ACT Government banned these incinerators for health and environmental reasons.⁵ The NSW Government banned them in Sydney because they aren't safe.⁶ **They aren't safe for anyone.**

**BURNING
GARBAGE**

**24 HOURS
A DAY**

**7 DAYS
A WEEK**

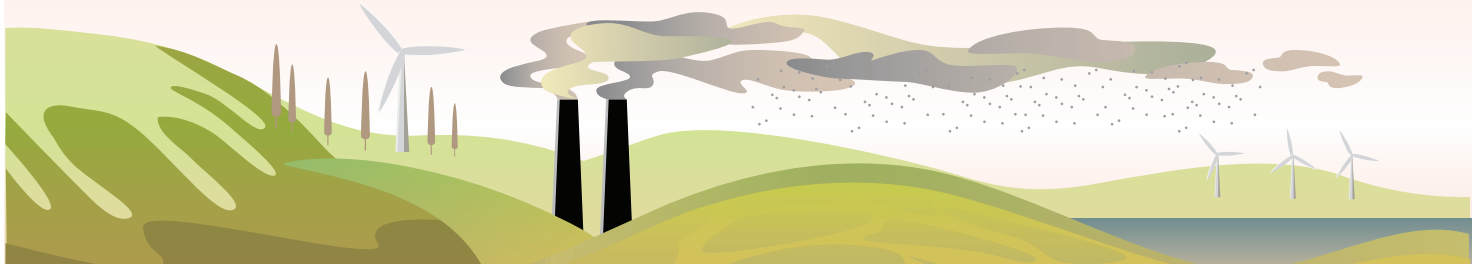
**365 DAYS
A YEAR**

**FOR 25
YEARS¹**

**2.2 MILLION
TONNES OF
TOXIC ASH**

REFERENCES:

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3. EPA fines Veolia Environmental Services for waste offence 23 July 2021 (NSW EPA); \$590,000 financial undertaking secured after asbestos find, 7 October 2022, NSW EPA; etc.
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6. NSW Government Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan 2021



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6th December 2022**

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