

NO SOCIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE



**VEOLIA HAS
RECEIVED
NUMEROUS FINES,
WARNINGS &
CAUTIONS
FROM THE NSW
EPA FOR LICENCE
INFRINGEMENTS
AT THEIR TARAGO
LANDFILL.^{3,5,6}**

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- 1 The NSW Energy from Waste Policy says proposals are only valid where **"community acceptance to operate such a process has been obtained"**.¹
- 2 Social License is the acceptance granted to a company by the community. It's made up of three components:
 - **Legitimacy** – do they play by the rules?
 - **Credibility** – do they provide honest information?
 - **Trust** – can the community be confident that they will do what they say?²
- 3 Veolia continues to **breach licence conditions** at their existing landfill at Tarago.³ Veolia was recently fined for exposing workers and local communities to asbestos in Sydney.⁴
- 4 Veolia fails to meet reporting requirements. The EPA described the most recent **Tarago landfill odour** report as "not measurable, trackable or auditable".⁷
- 5 Veolia told the Tarago community when they started their landfill it would not affect the town. **The EPA fined Veolia \$8,000** for the "unbearable smell",⁸ and there were approximately 500 complaints in the last year alone.⁹
- 6 Veolia spent months blocking a community information request with the NSW EPA for **operational infringements** affecting the community.⁶
- 7 Veolia 'greenwashes' this proposal by claiming energy recovery is not incineration, but 4 of their 5 links to 'independent' research about 'energy recovery' define the process truthfully as **incineration**.¹⁰
- 8 Veolia withdrew \$2.5million of funding from Goulburn-Mulwaree Council after it **publicly opposed** the incinerator proposal.¹¹
- 9 Veolia's track record shows they break the rules, hide information from the community and pollute the environment.^{3,4,5,6,8} **We can't trust Veolia.**



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6th December 2022**

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