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**EfW Incinerator Eastern Creek.**

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This incinerator has been rejected on so many levels I don't understand why we are here, but here we are! The question that was asked, was how will this incinerator impact me? Well to start, I am already upset and stressed about the proposal and it hasn't even been approved. I am no different to anyone else. If you approached anyone living in Sydney and asked them what they thought about the world's largest industrial incinerator that was being built one kilometre down the road, you would get the same response, it's an appalling concept and doesn't make any sense. I am not an expert so I have to rely on what I can observe and the research done by the right people and organisations. I live 800 metres from the proposed site, so yes, I am extremely alarmed. Sydney's air quality is bad enough already without adding to the problem.

I am lucky enough to have views of the mountains. This gives me an excellent way to access some of the concerns. For those of you who don't know, the Sydney basin suffers from temperature inversion, which basically means that a warm layer of air traps smog and pollution from being dispersed into the atmosphere. That is why the smoke has been hanging around for the last week after the burn backs being carried out. The pollution pumped out by traffic and industry is virtually invisible. Just because we can't see it doesn't mean it isn't there. We are breathing it in all the time. Smoke is the ideal way to show the effect of inversion on pollution. Western Sydney is the most affected and has the highest incidences of cancer and respiratory illnesses.

Industrial incineration produces dioxins and furans as a by-product which are highly toxic and cancer causing chemicals that are released into the air and the residual ash. What is the safe level for humans? There doesn't seem to be a definitive answer, so to err on the side of caution, I would say there is no safe level. Parramatta is fast becoming the centre of Sydney. You can see future tourism ads saying "come to beautiful Sydney with the world's largest incinerator at its heart". All jokes aside people think that if they don't live in the immediate area or they stick their head in the sand that they won't be affected. The truth is if you live in the Sydney basin, you will be affected.

Being the largest facility of its kind there cannot be any modelling to compare it to. Using any other facility is irrelevant. The facts from reliable sources are that this technology is becoming redundant in favour of alternative procedures. Wherever these facilities exist there are higher incidences of cancer and poor health. If the unthinkable were to happen and this proposal was approved there are other consequences to be considered. Sydney does not produce enough suitable waste to fuel this monster. Alternative sources would be required. It cannot be guaranteed that dangerous toxic waste would not find its way into the fuel mix. There would also be more heavy trucks on our roads adding to the pollution and traffic congestion.

There has been so much objection to this proposal by different levels of government, health organisations, companies and public communities that I cannot understand why it hasn't been rejected once and for all. I might add that all the objections are valid. The proponent has had ample chances to get it right. The proposal is inconsistent with the EfW Policy and there is a huge question mark over health issues. I am personally worried about my health and the health of my community and Sydney as a whole. I would like to enjoy my remaining years without fighting illnesses caused by an incinerator that never should have been approved. Please reject this proposal which will harm our health and generations to come.

Yours sincerely,



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