

Good morning my name is Julie Tsanadis.

I am a mother of four from St Clair. I have a grandchild who is only 12 weeks old.

I have been a St Clair resident for over 25 years. My family home is 4.7 kms from the proposed site and my children's school is only a mere 1.8km's away from the proposed site so my family and I are **DIRECTLY** in the sacrifice zone!

Therefore, I would like to state for the record that I am **TOTALLY** against the proposed building of the Eastern Creek Incinerator.

Can I start by saying that I did **NOT** receive anything in the mail to inform me of the Incinerator proposal.

Nothing from my local member.

Nothing from the council.

And absolutely **NOTHING** from the proponent to advise us of his intentions to build this incinerator. In **FACT**, the **MAJORITY** of the residents that I have spoken to who live in St Clair including **EVERY** house in my street have never even **HEARD** about the Incinerator at **ALL**. So I find it *'interesting'* that the proponent *'claims'* he has surveyed our community and that the majority of us are in **support** of this?

REALLY keen to know who he surveyed?

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I only learned of this proposal by *'chance'* when I stumbled across something on the local St Clair/ Erskine Park buy/swap/sell Facebook page to invite the community to a Public Meeting to hear more about it. This was just over a year ago.

I attended the Public Meeting at Erskine Park Community Hall on 13th April 2017 with an open mind.

I listened to several speakers and watched a PowerPoint presentation by Jane Bremmer from the National Toxics Network, which showed 'actual' statistics on several Incinerators already in operation around the world, and the devastating effects that they had on the communities there.

Quite frankly I was **HORRIFIED** at what I heard.

The statistics included:

Contaminated drinking water.

Toxic emissions

and **KNOWN** Cancer Clusters!!!

CANCER CLUSTERS!!!!!!!!!!

And for 'SOME' reason the local residents and I are supposed to find this 'ACCEPTABLE??'!!!

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My husband and eldest son are asthmatics. I have another son with anaphylaxis and allergies. All three of them suffer greatly with breathing difficulties as it is, due to the current state of the air quality in our suburb. Therefore, I am **DEEPLY** concerned about what the future may hold for them should this Incinerator be approved, as my children will be the ones most affected, as (due to the immaturity of their lungs) these toxins will be directly ingested into their bloodstream and organs.

I DO NOT WANT MY CHILDREN TO DIE!!!

It was for **THIS** reason, that I became actively involved in The No Incinerator for Western Sydney Group to help raise awareness in our Community.

I, (along with over **12,000** Sydney residents) are **genuinely** concerned and have signed petitions to express this.

We can't sleep.

We are distressed.

Nervous.

and **INCREDIBLY** fearful about what the future may hold if this Incinerator goes ahead.

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These include needless deaths, excruciating pain, breathing difficulties, heart and lung problems and possible cancer clusters.

The costs to the health industry and the Government will **ALSO** be exorbitant. Who is going foot the bill? Accept liability? Cover the compensation?

We are ordinary Australians who live in the Western suburbs. We are Mums and Dads. Pensioners. Students. We care about the future of not **ONLY** our community, but the future of the planet.

Whilst we **DO** acknowledge there is a waste issue, it is **CLEAR** that Incineration is **NOT** the answer!

Our appeals to our local members to express our concerns have largely fallen on deaf ears.

I TRULY believe that our low socio- economic background is the reason why we have continued to be ignored. I do not believe that those living on the North Shore would ever have allow an Incinerator to be built in **THEIR** backyard.

But it seems that because we live in the Western Suburbs that **OUR** family's lives' and wellbeing are *inconsequential* to the '*powers that be*', due to our '*postcode*'.

THAT is discrimination!

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As workers, taxpayers and voters we should have **JUST** as much rights as those living in more affluent areas, for our concerns for our family's welfare to be taken seriously.

The true impacts of this Incinerator will not be known until **AFTER** it is built.

Which will **THEN** be too late!

The EPA's own conclusion was that there **WILL** be environmental impacts and that they:

... 'Could not support the plan due to concerns about the proposals potential air quality and human health impacts'.

The facts **ARE**, that this incinerator is going to **irreparably** devastate the lives of our community **EXPONENTIALLY** for years and years to come.

We are fighting for our children who are **NOW** voiceless, but who's lives **WILL** be at risk in future years from the toxins that will be emitted into the atmosphere.

We feel that this Incinerator will have disastrous consequences for **ALL** and we **REFUSE** to sit idly by and leave this mess behind for our

kids to deal with.

ALL of you people here on the Commission who are involved in this decision-making process have a '**duty of care**' for the health, safety and wellbeing of our community.

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IF THIS INCINERATOR GETS BUILT I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A HOLOCAUST OF "EPIC" PROPORTIONS!!!

THIS IS OUR FAMILIES LIVES THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH HERE!!!

I sincerely pray that you do what is right and just.

We are not asking for much.

All we want is to be given our **BASIC** human right.

The right to breathe '**CLEAN**' air.

Thank you for your time.

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Concerned Resident