

Mrs Louise Louis



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**RE: Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility**

Independent Planning Commission NSW

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in regards to the proposal for the worlds largest Incinerator to be built at Eastern Creek.

I am a resident of Minchinbury and have many concerns if this proposal was to go ahead.

I have extreme concerns to what toxic emissions the two large smoke stacks would be pumping out. This incinerator would be built only 800 metres from my home also close to many schools and neighbouring suburbs.

So many people would be affected in a negative way if this was to be built. The majority of the community does NOT want this plan to go ahead.

- The Sydney Incinerator would have two 100 metre smoke stacks, pumping out cancer causing emissions such as; arsenic, cadmium, nickel, Mercury, dioxin, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and Persistent Organic Pollutants - 24 hours a day 7 days a week for the next 30 - 50 year
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- Family homes are only 800 meters from the site.
- Three schools are within 1.8km of the site.

- The Next Generations EIS states that “ultra-fine particulates will increase as a result of this project” and it also states “The proposed facility may release substances to atmosphere which have the potential to harm human health” confirming this incinerator is harmful to health. When questioned about this at a community information forum, they said “Oh well one in two people die of cancer anyway”
- Prospect Reservoir is 5km from the site which forms part of the drinking water for 4.5 million people in Greater Sydney (70% of NSW). Putting our drinking water under threat of contamination.
- The Incinerator will use the Blacktown local Bioretention basin to filter waste water, silt and sediment from the Incinerator. This practice would put The Hawkesbury-Nepean river system, an important natural asset and one of the largest coastal river catchments along the NSW coastline at risk. Its waters support agricultural and horticultural industries that generate more than \$1 billion annually, including \$259 million of irrigated agriculture which supplies much of Sydney’s fresh food.
- The incinerator would produce 450,000 tonnes of toxic ash every year that still needs to be land filled.
- The community has not given a social license to operate. Our community survey of 1200 residents confirmed 98.5% of residents are against a Waste to Energy incinerator at Eastern Creek, Sydney.

Please take these points into consideration and stand up for the people of Western Sydney.

We deserve the right to breathe fresh air and not to live in fear for the health of our children and community.

Regards,

Louise Louis