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Cr Neil Wescott
Mayor
Parkes Shire Council

By email: council@parkes.nsw.gov.au

Dear Cr Westcott

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 April 2025 regarding a proposed energy from waste facility in the Parkes Special Activation Precinct. I note your request to provide assurances to your community in relation to the health and environment concerns that have been raised, and to articulate the process that will be required to be undertaken in assessing this project once it is formally proposed.

The NSW Government's stringent planning process and the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)'s rigorous regulatory framework means that any approved energy from waste facility would be highly controlled and closely monitored to protect local communities' health.

All proposals for energy from waste facilities in NSW must be assessed through the planning and development assessment process, led by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). As part of this process, proponents of an energy from waste facility are required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, which includes an assessment of the likely impacts of the proposal on air quality, human health, odour, traffic, noise and social and visual amenity. These impacts are assessed in consultation with key government authorities, local councils and the department's independent experts. Extensive community consultation is also required as part of this process.

The planning and development assessment also involves consideration of the proposed facility's compliance with the EPA's Energy from Waste Policy Statement. The Energy from Waste Policy Statement ensures that all energy from waste facilities in NSW, wherever they operate, meet international best practice air emission limits and operating standards to protect the environment and human health. These controls reflect the latest advice on air emissions from the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer.

If approved, an energy from waste facility in NSW is required to have an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) issued by the EPA, which would set out the conditions for the facility's operation. This includes the maximum limits for air emissions from the facility that cannot be exceeded, along with continuous monitoring requirements for many pollutants as set out in the Energy from Waste Policy Statement.

Further information about the assessment of energy from waste facilities in NSW is available on the DPHI website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/state-significant-projects/energy-from-waste.

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Further information about the NSW Energy from Waste framework, and the NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement can be found at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/Your-environment/Waste/waste-facilities/energy-recovery.

If you or your team have any further questions about this matter or wish to discuss in more detail, please contact [REDACTED], A/Director Strategy & Policy, EPA at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer

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