

**Submission Text:** I am deeply concerned about the existing proposals to build waste incinerators across Victoria.

No community deserves to have one of these facilities forced on them under the guise of it creating energy or helping the environment.

An industrial incinerator can not be simply switched on and off. It needs to be fed relentlessly by hundreds of thousands of tonnes of garbage every year. Victorians are looking to our governments, at every level, to find smart solutions to reduce waste and innovative ways of increasing recycling of all types of materials. Building multiple waste incinerators that rely on a constant stream of red lid bin rubbish sends a message to both industry and individuals that there's no need to reduce our creation and consumption of waste.

As a resident of Sunbury, the proposal for the waste incinerator at Hi-Q's existing site on Sunbury Road is of particular concern. The licensing cap already issued to Hi-Q would allow them to put 750,000 tonnes of garbage through an incinerator every year.

Transporting that much waste to the site would equate to over 1000 garbage trucks driving through our community every single week. I implore the committee members to think of their own street, their child's school, a parent's nursing home, and deeply consider what over 1000 garbage trucks per week driving past would do to the safety, quality and appeal of the area.

There are existing homes just 500 metres from the proposed Sunbury incinerator. It's unconscionable to build and operate a 24/7 garbage incinerator in any Victorian's backyard and my community does not want one here.