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This submission is part of a letter written to the Latrobe Valley Express in regards to the proposed Waste to Energy Facility at Maryvale in the Latrobe Valley.

Burning rubbish not the answer to the waste problem.

Australian Paper thanks Latrobe Valley residents for their support of the development of a thermal energy to waste facility at Maryvale. (LV Express 28th June) It says that this will reduce landfill, however this does not address fundamental issues around waste, sustainability and the circular economy.

The Victorian government should be investing money in state-of-the-art recycling facilities and encouraging the reduction of household and industrial waste including plastics and especially excess packaging, encouraging composting and landfill minimisation overall.

Exhaust gases from burning rubbish contains toxic chemicals including dioxins and generate thousands of tons of ash waste per year. Recently a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry recommended against a waste incinerator proposal in greater Sydney due to uncertainty about air pollution.

The Latrobe Valley needs new alternative job security opportunities for the future that do not add pollution to the Valley.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
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