



Zero Waste Australia

Statement from Jane Bremmer Zero Waste Australia.

Today, communities in NSW and Victoria are protesting the threat of waste to energy incineration. This is a national campaign for environmental justice – the right to a safe and clean environment.

The Energy from Waste Conference being held over the next two days here at the Sydney Cricket grounds, signals a major push by this industry into Australia.

Waste to energy incineration represents the gasping last breaths of the fossil fuel industry, squeezing every bit of fossil fuel out of our waste stream to burn for dirty energy. Non-recyclable and single use plastic products and packaging, organic waste that should be composted, recyclable materials that should be recycled, will be diverted away from more sustainable waste management outcomes towards a massive furnace that will emit more climate pollution than coal, oil and gas, air emissions full of toxic substances and tonnes of hazardous ash left for future generations to deal with.

This is not a sustainable, ethical, or effective waste management model for the 21st century.

This industry is here in NSW to greenwash its dirty reputation. This is an industry in decline in the US and Europe because these governments have recognised the threat that this industry poses to the Circular Economy. Its time for the Australian government to stand up for the health of the Australian public, the agricultural industries and regional communities directly affected and our shared environment including our oceans where persistent organic pollutants from incinerators travel to, accumulating through the marine food chain and contaminating the polar ice caps.

There are safer more effective ways to manage our residual waste. We don't need or want waste to energy incinerators in Australia. Its time for this globally polluting industry to shut down once and for all....just like the fossil fuel industry to which it belongs!

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