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Geelong Council: Stop the Lara Incinerator

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Dear Mayor Trent Sullivan

This Leticion is being sent to State Parliamentarians and Geelong City councillors to inform them that the community is strongly opposed to the huge waste-to-energy incinerator proposed for Lara on environmental and public health grounds.

I am very concerned about the natural disasters and extreme weather events escalating across the globe. We only have this decade to prevent runaway global warming and we must take urgent action to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As a Geelong resident, I am proud that my city is a designated UNESCO City of Design and its vision is based upon building a clever, cleantech, circular economy. However Geelong is poised at a critical crossroad and its future will be determined by decisions such as the approval (or not) of this incinerator project.

Incineration is the most expensive way to manage waste and the least efficient way to make energy. For every 100 tonnes of waste burned, 25 tonnes of toxic ash is produced. All waste incinerators emit deadly forever chemicals and toxic pollutants that travel long distances and bioaccumulate in the environment.

I know that we can't burn our way out of climate change nor our addiction to plastics. Governments must focus on waste reduction, reuse, repurpose and repair, as well as local recycling and composting initiatives. We cannot fix one environmental problem by creating another environmental problem for future generations.

As a local constituent, I call on the Government to not impose an oversized, unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator on our region or anywhere in Victoria. I thank you for your attention and look forward to a constructive discussion with you in the near future about this matter.

When will you, our representative, call an urgent forum/meeting to discuss our Incinerator concerns?

Yours sincerely

Signed by _____

Additional Comments

This Lara Incinerator is too close to the Lara and North Geelong communities. Also: fixing one problem and creating another is not on.