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AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

No Large Incinerators for Victoria July 2024

Ella George MP
Member for Lara

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Date: 27th of July 2024

Dear Ella George,

From:
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This Leticion is being sent to all State Parliamentarians and local City councillors to inform them that the community is strongly opposed to the huge waste-to-energy incinerators proposed for Wollert and Lara on environmental and public health grounds.

I am very concerned along with the larger community about the natural disasters and extreme weather events escalating across the globe. The United Nations Antonio Guterres explains

<https://takvera.blogspot.com/2024/06/antonio-guterres-calls-out-godfathers.html>

We only have this decade to prevent runaway global warming and we must take urgent action to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

May 2024 was the global hottest May ever according to <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.6414779>

As a local resident, I am proud that my city has a vision based upon building a clever, cleantech, circular economy. However Geelong and Whittlesea is poised at a critical crossroad and their futures will be determined by decisions such as the approval (or not) of these incinerator projects.

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 as highlighted by the [Global Plastics Treaty](#) presently being negotiated. Some researchers estimate [at least 75% reduction of plastics by 2050](#) is needed to meet Paris climate goals.

Governments must focus on reduced plastics packaging, waste reduction, reuse, repurpose and repair, as well as local recycling and composting initiatives to enhance a circular economy. We cannot fix one environmental problem by creating another environmental problem for future generations.

As a local and a Victorian, I call on the Government to not impose an oversized, unsafe and unnecessary waste incinerator on our regions 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, our government call an urgent forum/meeting to discuss our Incinerator concerns?

Yours sincerely