## To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,

The petition of the residents of the Northern Rivers Region strongly object to any proposal for a Waste to Energy Incinerator (W2E) to be built in our region or New South Wales for the following reasons:

- All W2E incinerators (including the EU's best practice models) emit significant volumes of toxic air pollution, greenhouse gases and hazardous ash waste over their lifetime. Any such project will expose our communities, homes, schools, meatworks, farms and the natural environment to this pollution risk.
- Exposure to W2E incinerator pollution can cause cancer, miscarriage, infant deaths, developmental delays, reproductive issues, heart disease and of course respiratory problems.
- The economic impact of any W2E incinerator proposal is in direct conflict with more sustainable existing and potential land uses in the Northern Rivers Region, especially in the tourism and agricultural sectors.
- W2E incineration undermines safer Zero Waste and Circular Economy policy, which
  provide superior waste management and less climate pollution. To approve any
  incinerator project is inconsistent with the government's commitment to net zero
  emissions.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to introduce legislation which **prohibits any proposals for waste to energy incineration** in the Richmond Valley, or anywhere else in NSW.

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