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Media Release

NSW rejects The Next Generation Waste to Energy Incineration project

NTN congratulates the NSW Greens party, NSW Labor party and NSW regulatory agencies of health, environment, planning and the EPA who have unanimously rejected The Next Generation Waste to Energy Incineration project.

“This industry has no place in a sustainable zero waste management future for Australia. It simply makes no sense to burn finite resources for dirty energy while we face catastrophic climate threats and global ecological collapse. Climate change is a compelling global issue that requires all governments around the world to invest in and support sustainable materials production and non-thermal waste management technologies. Only a Zero Waste Policy approach will move us closer to the goal of a Circular Economy. We need organics returned to the biosphere through composting and a materials production system that can safely reuse and recycle any waste that is generated.” States Jane Bremmer Zero Waste OZ coordinator

“The citizens of Western Sydney have been heard and vindicated in their struggle for environmental justice. The pollution from this proposal would have caused an increase in adverse health outcomes for the Western Sydney region. This is an unfair burden on an already pollution impacted area of Sydney.

The NSW government, NSW Greens party and NSW Labor party have made the right decision to reject this project. It is now up to the NSW Liberal party to show leadership and put an end to the threat of this industry once and for all.” States Jo Immig Coordinator for the National Toxics Network.

State governments are struggling with increasing plastic waste volumes since China delivered their National Sword which put an end to the import of unsorted and contaminated plastic waste stockpiles from other countries. Waste to Energy incineration is being heavily pushed into the Australian and Asia Pacific region where this industry is not already well established despite the known pollution burdens it would bring to this vulnerable region. However, Europe is legislating to discontinue this industry as it has caused recycling rates to stagnate and is contributing to the accumulation of dangerous persistent organic pollutants in the global environment.

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