



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY  
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**Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**25 February 2022**

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Asked by Ms Castley on 25 February 2022: Minister Vassarotti took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: The ACT Government's submission about the Veolia waste incinerator at Woodland and its potential effects on the ACT

**MS LAWDER:** With regard to, for example, the EPA and clean air generally, is there a process or has the ACT government already made a submission regarding the Veolia waste incinerator at Woodlawn and the potential effects on the ACT?

**Ms Vassarotti:** That is not my understanding. It would go through Minister Steel. If that was requested, there could be some support from the EPA, but to my knowledge, no. It is probably one we that could take on notice, in terms of confirming that. Again, the EPA sits within Minister Steel's portfolio, or Minister Rattenbury's portfolio, but we can take it on notice to check whether something has been submitted.

**MINISTER VASSAROTTI:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Veolia has proposed the development of a waste-to-energy incinerator ("Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre") within its Woodlawn Eco Precinct in Tarago. Following the New South Wales (NSW) Government's release of its Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan in September 2021, the Goulburn-Mulwaree Council (the Council) passed a resolution stating its opposition to waste-to-energy or waste incineration facilities within the local government area.

The Council has been in contact with both Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD), in its regional engagement role, and with ACT NoWaste, in its waste management role. On 29 September 2021, the General Manager of the Council wrote to the Policy and Cabinet Division of CMTEDD, advising of the Council's resolution and seeking the ACT Government's support for opposing the development.

In November 2021, CMTEDD officers responded to the Council, advising that while Council's position is consistent with relevant policies in the ACT, the ACT would be unlikely to make a submission to a NSW Planning process unless there was a direct impact on the ACT.

The response also invited the Council to keep the ACT informed of developments. The ACT also continues to engage with the Council on regional waste infrastructure through its participation in the Canberra Region Joint Organisation.

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By the Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA