



Who we are:

Climate Action Merri-bek works locally to take action on climate change

The problem:

Incinerators are a highly toxic, expensive, dangerous, and climate-polluting industry, which mainly impact marginalised communities.

Burning plastic produces cancer causing pollutants such as dioxins which will persist in the environment. Burning waste that contains heavy metals and “forever chemicals” such as PFAS, risks polluting our air and waterways. Burning anything produces PM2.5 particles, which can cause asthma, cancer and heart disease.

Incinerators are a false solution to the waste crisis and detract from efforts to slash waste. They are eligible to receive renewable energy credits. This takes public money away from solar and wind power and other sustainable solutions that are significantly more cost-effective.

Waste incinerators are banned in Canberra and Sydney. There are plans to build many around metropolitan Melbourne supported by state government policies.

Waste incinerators planned for Wollert and Sunbury would be within 15 km of Merri-bek. They have been allocated a cap licence to burn a combined 1.5 million tonnes of rubbish annually. We are connected by our air, water ways, and our water supply (Greenvale and Yan Yean Reservoirs).



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Ban Waste Incinerators in Victoria

Climate Action Merri-bek advocacy priority

The solution:

Ban waste incineration in Victoria.

Accelerate the shift to a circular economy – one designed to eliminate waste and pollution, to keep resources and materials in circulation for as long as possible, and to regenerate nature by returning biological materials to ecosystems.

The benefits:

- Avoids hazardous air and water pollutants from waste incinerators
- Reduces carbon emissions
- Reduces cost to households and businesses due to reduced waste
- Creates green jobs in circular economy

What's next:

We call on the state government to ban waste incinerators in Victoria and to implement policies and measures to accelerate the shift to a circular economy

We call on residents to write to their state member and to Jaclyn Symes, Minister for the Environment to demand no waste incinerators for Victoria

