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I am writing to express my concern and disappointment with the proposal for a Plastic Factory in our community. Our community is well known for its lush landscapes, clean air, friendly people, beautiful farming land and is a nice place to escape the city. The proposed factory will destroy that for us as residents and for future tourists. I reside on a dairy farm with my husband and children. My husband is a fifth-generation dairy farmer from the local area. He has experienced many changes, but more recently the serious decline in local dairy farms. The potential pollution, microplastics that will travel over 20kms away and the many unknown hazards from this factory will be detrimental to our farm, the livestock and the quality of our milk and the efficiency of our feed and crops. We are faced with more than anyone's fair share of challenges, but this factory presents more than we can imagine. We have strived over the years to be more sustainable and have adopted changes to support Sydney Water and the local environment and bordering National Parks. We may have only made a small impact in the scheme of a larger picture, but our commitment to trying our best has always been of importance. The proposed facility and its intentions have been decided on without any regard to its short- and long-term impacts. Yes, our farm sets to be impacted as well as all of the agricultural businesses in the Highlands who are working harder than ever to make a living from the land. It is our country's livelihood, traditions and future to continue to provide the best homegrown products that we can offer. It will also impact our country's export products significantly.

I write to stress the need to reconsider the placement of this factory. It is close to useable and productive farming land, close to town and house, schools, hospitals, aged care facilities - the list is endless. It is a careless and inconsiderate attempt to create jobs without any thought to the potential and lifelong impacts. It will not boost the area's economy, it will be an easy fix to a larger, national and global problem.

Is this just about making money?

Do they think they are doing our shire a service?

The community deserve to be heard. For many reasons, residents have made the choice to call the Wingecarribee home.

It is only fair that our voices are heard, our concerns are listened to and actions taken to stop this facility from taking place. I don't know of anyone in the area who disagrees with the purpose of a recycling facility for plastics. We can all agree that our country like many across the world overuse plastics. However, should it not have careful consideration as to the placement of such factories given the extreme dangers and warnings that are synonymous with this business.

The increase in heavy rigged traffic will undeniably affect the local roads that already struggle with the weather conditions. The daily congestion and exhaust fumes and noise from the trucks will filtrate throughout the towns destroying all that is lovely about the highlands.

I am disgusted that it has come to this and that it requires so many residents to stand up and take action, making those in charge see to real issue! Be kind, be a human, be realistic, show compassion, look at the big picture, put yourself in our shoes. DO NOT LET THIS PLASREFINE FACTORY GO AHEAD!