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OBJECT

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility at 74-76 Beaconsfield Road, Moss Vale (SSD-9409987). While I acknowledge the importance of enhancing plastic recycling capabilities in New South Wales, I have significant concerns regarding the suitability of this project's location and its potential adverse impacts on the local community and environment.

1. Incompatibility with Local Land Use and Character

The proposed facility is situated approximately 2 kilometers north of Moss Vale, in close proximity to residential areas and community amenities, including schools and childcare centers. The scale and industrial nature of the facility, which plans to process up to 120,000 tonnes of plastic waste annually, are incongruent with the predominantly rural and residential character of the area. The development's size and continuous operation could significantly alter the local landscape and diminish the quality of life for residents.

2. Environmental and Health Concerns

The facility's operations pose potential risks to air and water quality. The processing of large volumes of plastic waste may release pollutants, including microplastics and chemical residues, into the environment. Given the site's proximity to waterways that feed into Sydney's drinking water catchment, any contamination could have far-reaching consequences. Additionally, the emission of dust and chemicals into the air raises health concerns for nearby residents, particularly vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

3. Traffic and Infrastructure Strain

The anticipated increase in heavy vehicle movements estimated at 40 to 50 trucks per day will place considerable strain on local road infrastructure. The existing roads may not be equipped to handle such traffic volumes, leading to increased wear and tear, heightened noise levels, and elevated safety risks for pedestrians and other road users. This surge in traffic could also disrupt daily life and contribute to congestion in the area.

4. Emergency Response and Safety Risks

The processing and storage of large quantities of plastic waste carry inherent fire risks. Local emergency services may lack the resources and specialised equipment required to effectively respond to potential industrial fires or chemical spills at the facility. The nearest backup emergency response units are located approximately 45 minutes away, which could result in delayed response times during critical incidents.

5. Community Opposition and Social Impact

There is substantial community opposition to the proposed development, as evidenced by the significant turnout at public meetings and the volume of submissions expressing concern. Residents have voiced feelings of "disgust, devastation, and anger" over the state's pre-approval of the facility. The development threatens to undermine the social fabric of the community and could lead to a decline in property values and local investment.

Conclusion



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In light of these concerns, I urge the Independent Planning Commission to reconsider the approval of the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility at the proposed location. While the advancement of plastic recycling infrastructure is commendable, it is imperative that such developments are situated in appropriate industrial zones where potential negative impacts on residential communities and sensitive environments are minimised.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,

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