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OBJECT

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To the commission

Dear sir/Madam, I have been a resident of the Local community for more than 25 years having retired fairly recently To Berrima, the basis of my objections are as follows

1. A recycling plastic facility in the middle of a community of Mossvale is totally inappropriate. There are at least five schools in the immediate vicinity which will be contaminated.
2. Traffic will be a significant factor with movements of hundreds of trucks per year in a suburb which is already congested and will add significantly to the convenience of the life of population.
3. Plastic recycling results in the development of very significant waste and contamination with chemicals, micro plastics and nano plastics. There have been numerous research articles confirming there is an association with an increased risk of disease especially cancer, auto immune disease and many other diseases evidence for this is in, the multiple articles published in multiple medical journals in the last few years
4. One of the biggest problems will be the environmental impacts not only visually but also a pristine environment which is a significant water catchment area for the supply of all of Sydney water plus Goulburn water and this will be contaminated to the point where it will be unable without significant risk. it also includes groundwater and as you know with climate change in the last three years we have had over 380 inches of rain which I have measured at my farm. The groundwater Lee ends up in all the springs on all the farms and all of these will be contaminated. This has recently been proven by the studies conducted by the Local community when opposing Hume coal which ultimately failed to obtain approval due to the risks involved with contamination and to add further plastic contamination would be a nightmare. These environmental impact studies are on the public record from the recent refusal to allow such a development.
5. Your presentation at the recent public meeting was completely misleading and untruthful because it did not show the smoke stacks Which will be necessary in such a facility. It tends to suggest there is already lack of transparency even before we start. How can the community accept this if there are going to be lies even at the first public meeting?
6. I would like to object as well on the basis of air pollution and micro particle pollution which will be inevitable
7. Even though this facility will create jobs and it has been reported hundreds of jobs, where are these people going to be housed in a market which is already under normal strain especially in the southern highlands and especially with a lack of the appropriate workforce needed when it has been published That we are already short of over 200,000 construction workers and thousands of homes
8. there has already been an environmental impact study which completely blocked the development of coal because of the extraordinary amount of pollution to water and groundwater and this is well documented and recently published and also challenged in the courts
9. there is no doubt that all Australians want to see recycling of plastic up to do this in a pristine environment and contaminate water, 60% of our bodies, is beyond imagination. The problem lies with the state government where it needs to find an appropriate place to site such a facility there are many areas which could be considered where there is already major contamination of one form or another usually related to mining and



also there is established infrastructure with both rail and road transport to such a facility. It would be much wiser to consider such a facility in an already contaminated area , which would minimise the risks to one of the largest cities in Australia? It is a madness to even consider developing such a facility in a pristine environment which provides most of the water supply for Australia's largest city. Governance of all political persuasions need to have a rethink indefinitely , and always present the facts in a completely transparent fashion and not mislead local communities which basically amounts to lying.

10. I have submitted to other submissions but I thought this should be my final submission because when I think about it I always think of other issues and forget to add them. I hope I'm not wasting my time and the commissions time but I do feel there is an opportunity, to recycle every bit of our waste somebody would be able to develop a very successful business if we were to do it correctly. We are in the middle of climate change which is upon us and which really we've done very little to address. All of us want to see action but action directed inappropriate way, in an appropriate place and with great community support wherever this or these facilities are developed.
