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OBJECT

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I am writing to strongly object to the proposed plastics reprocessing facility in Moss Vale as a mother of three young children and a recent resident of the Southern Highlands. Our family moved to Bowral seeking a cleaner, healthier environment “ and this proposed facility represents a direct threat to everything we value about our community.

Tourism and Economic Impact

The proposed site is located in an area renowned for its world-class viticulture, agritourism, and proximity to Berrima “ the most preserved Georgian village on mainland Australia. The facility would be catastrophically detrimental to our local tourist industry, undermining years of careful cultivation of our region's unique economic and cultural identity. Our wineries, farm experiences, and historical tourism are delicate ecosystems that cannot withstand the industrial blight this facility would introduce.

Unacceptable Traffic and Pollution Burdens

The proposed facility would bring unprecedented disruption to our community through:

- *Increased heavy vehicle traffic creating constant noise pollution*
- *Significant air pollution and dust generation*
- *Continuous vibration from industrial vehicles*
- *Potential wildlife fatalities*
- *Risk of importing invasive weeds*
- *Accelerated degradation of our local roads*

Most egregiously, the proposal's air quality report suggestion that residents can "manage their exposure to air quality impacts, through minimising time spent outdoors' is completely unacceptable. Are we expected to keep our children indoors, away from the nature we specifically chose this community to enjoy? This is not a solution “ it's an admission of the facility's inherent danger.

Emerging Health Concerns

Of particular concern are the Perfluoroalkyl and Polyuoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) “ chemicals with emerging health risks that are currently under global review. The National Health and Medical Research Council is actively reconsidering safe limits for these substances in drinking water, highlighting the ongoing uncertainty about their long-term health impacts.

Our drinking water, which feeds into the Warragamba Dam, is at risk of contamination. With new guidelines proposing lower acceptable levels of PFAS, how can we justify a facility that could potentially introduce these harmful substances into our environment?

Our Fundamental Rights



We have a right to a clean, healthy environment. The recent Human Rights (Healthy Environment) Amendment provides a clear mandate “protecting our right to clean air, safe water, and a non-toxic living space. This facility fundamentally contradicts those basic human rights.

A Call for a Thoughtful Alternative

We are not asking to simply relocate this problem. We are calling for a more sustainable approach to plastic waste that doesn't compromise community health, environmental integrity, or our region's economic future. The solution lies in reducing plastic production, not creating massive reprocessing facilities in environmentally sensitive areas.

Our community deserves better. We moved here for clean air, pristine landscapes, and a healthy environment for our children. This facility threatens everything we value about the Southern Highlands.

I urge the Independent Planning Commission to unequivocally reject this proposal. The risks far outweigh any potential benefits, and there must be alternative locations and approaches that do not compromise the health of our community, our children, and our irreplaceable natural environment.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Grant

Concerned Mother and Resident of Bowral
