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OBJECT

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I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed plastic recycling plant. This site chosen for this facility is entirely unsuitable and will have massive negative social and economic impacts on the local area.

Health and the environment:

The most significant concern lies in the health risks posed by this facility. Research indicates that plastic recycling causes air, water, and soil contamination, posing a direct risk to the health and safety of our community. The site is near people's homes and water catchment areas. The air management report provided is particularly concerning with advice to 'minimise time spent outdoors' as a way of locals mitigating airborne microplastic exposure. A facility with this as a recommendation should not be placed near a residential area. There are more than a thousand school students at multiple schools within a 5 km radius of the proposed plant location. It's madness.

Economic Impact:

The Southern Highlands is a well-known tourist destination - valued by both visitors and locals alike for its peaceful rolling green hills and pretty countryside. Placing the biggest plastics recycling plant in Australia just outside Moss Vale is completely at odds with this. Adding pollution, heavy vehicles and noise to the area deters tourism, lowers property values in the area and will negatively impact local businesses.

There needs to be more value placed on people's health and well being. Plastics recycling is important but placing such a huge facility in the proposed location - next to people's home and in an area prized for its visual appeal and peaceful feel is not the way to do it. I urge the IPC to reconsider.
