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OBJECT

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I am writing to object to the proposed development based not on the need for a plastics recycling plant but on the insanely inappropriate selection of the site due to its proximity to residential properties ie being within the boundary of the Moss Vale township and the distance from the freeway. In my opinion this site is not suitable for the following reasons:

- 1. The sheer volume of trucks travelling to and from the site each day 24 hours a day and the noise, dust, vibration and odour impact from these vehicles as well as the impact it will have on current uses on the existing roads which is not suited for a large volume of heavy vehicle movement. I believe the site should be located close to the Hume highway with dedicated roads to the site and away from the town.*
- 2. The effects of the recycling plant in terms of odours, potential air pollutants and water contamination. Even though the developer states all measures are in place to avoid any issues, accidents including fire do happen and what compensation would there be for community members affected in the future. Many residents along with ourselves have chosen this area to live due to the unspoiled and clean environment. Personally having survived cancer I do not wish to expose myself to potential air pollutants that could come from fire, air filter issues and open doors of the facility allowing gases to escape. This type of industry is well known for its toxic compounds and though invisible is easily released into the atmosphere.*
- 3. Water contamination due to spillage from trucks travelling to and from the area, accidents at the workplace with water ending up in the creeks and ultimately into our water supply that at worse could become undrinkable is unacceptable. Water is a precious resource in Australia and should be treated as such. How is the Moss Vale sewerage system going to cope with the volume of waste water, who will pay for the upgrade needed and is this plant going to have priority over the township for water allocation during periods of drought in order to keep the plant operating as harvested rain water is only possible during periods of rain.*
- 4. Fire near or within the facility is a real risk and the adverse risk to the community would be enormous, advising people to stay indoors during such an event would not stop inhalation of the toxic gases downwind from the fire right across the Southern Highlands, not to mention the impact it would have on local agricultural and wine industries.*
- 5. The proposed facility would clearly have a huge impact on the community and the Southern Highlands as a whole, devaluing property prices significantly as well as tourism as the green idyllic Highlands would no longer appeal to visitors and locals would be driven away, forced to relocate to a safer and cleaner area.*

In summary I find it bizarre, incomprehensible and mind boggling that anyone could justify the building of a facility that is an industry known for toxic gases and dust, fires and health risks, yet still recommend it's construction within the boundary of Moss Vale, close to schools, please listen to the voices of the people and reject the proposed recycling facility at this site.
