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I am writing to formally object to the proposal to build a plastic recycling facility in Moss Vale, NSW. While the intent to improve recycling efforts and reduce waste is commendable, the proposed location and potential consequences of this facility raise significant concerns. These objections are based on environmental, community health and local infrastructure, as outlined below:

- *Pollution Risk: Plastic recycling processes often involve emissions of volatile organic compounds, microplastics, and other byproducts that can harm the local air and water quality. Moss Vale is surrounded by sensitive ecosystems and agricultural land that may be negatively impacted by any accidental spills or emissions.*

- *Water Contamination: Moss Vale relies on clean water resources for local residents, businesses, and farming. There is a risk that runoff from the facility, particularly during heavy rain, could contaminate waterways, affecting both humans and wildlife.*

- *Increased Waste Handling: Recycling facilities often generate byproducts or residual waste that needs to be managed, potentially increasing the strain on local landfill resources.*

- *Health Impacts: The proposed site is too close to residential areas. The noise, odours, and potential release of harmful chemicals could have adverse effects on the health and well-being of residents.*

- *Impact on Agriculture: Moss Vale is known for its thriving agricultural activities. Any environmental contamination, particularly to soil or water, could disrupt farming operations and damage the area's reputation for high-quality produce.*

- *Traffic and Infrastructure Strain: A recycling facility of this scale would require frequent transportation of materials, leading to an increase in heavy vehicle traffic on local roads. This could result in higher maintenance costs for road infrastructure, increased traffic congestion, and safety risks for residents, particularly near schools and residential neighbourhoods.*

- *Alternative Locations: There are industrial zones or areas farther from residential and environmentally sensitive regions that would be more suitable for such a facility. Prioritising these locations could help balance the need for recycling infrastructure with the protection of local communities and ecosystems.*

While the goals of the recycling facility are important, Moss Vale is not a suitable location due to the risks to the environment, community health, and local infrastructure. I urge the decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and identify a more appropriate site that minimises these risks while still achieving environmental benefits.