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I am a resource economist, with academic qualifications in Agricultural Economics (B.Sc.Hons) and environmental studies (M.Env.Stud). I understand that conditional approval has been granted for a soft plastics recycling plant to be established at Moss Vale, NSW.

I am concerned about the potential health impacts of wind-blown micro plastics from this plant impacting on the health of children, at a near-by child-care centre and several schools. I would request that answers should be made available to the public to questions including:

- 1. Have the social/health impacts of micro plastics on vulnerable children been taken into account in the relevant environmental assessment carried out before this proposal can be approved?
- 2. How have the health risks of micro-plastics been assessed, particularly on young children?
- 3. What mitigation measures have been developed?
- 4. What monitoring protocols will be imposed on the project to ensure these health risks can be continually reviewed if the plant is allowed to operate?
- 5. How have the potential costs of health damage been calculated?
- 6. How have such costs been included in a benefit-cost analysis conducted to justify this proposal?

All such questions must be satisfactorily resolved before this potentially dangerous project can be approved.