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Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I am very concerned about the proposed Plastic Recycling facility in Moss Vale. My concerns are that this facility may leak PFAS and PFOA chemicals into the surrounding area. The location of the facility is in the Sydney drinking water catchment area.

Although regulations around PFAS and PFOA in Australia are still loose, the Unites States and Europe have started to impose laws to limit safe levels of the chemicals much lower than those imposed by the EPA. There is a current class action against the Australian Government being undertaken by Shine lawyers on behalf of tens of thousands of Australians already impacted by PFAS and PFOA where they live.

I think it is unacceptable that a plant like this is built to give the appearance of doing something about the problem of plastic waste. Where will the waste from this plant be dumped? Is there a net environmental benefit using this process? Any comparisons against the current practice of sending waste created in Australia overseas would be disingenuous.

The cost to human health and the health of all living organisms is too high. We need real solutions for waste management. They all revolve on not creating single use items.

I do not currently live in the Robertson district, but I have family that still do. I spent many years of my life around the Robertson district. My father still resides in the area and is a food producer. As a citizen of New South Wales I would like to see a better solution.

Yours sincerely

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