

With Regards

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Good afternoon,			
Thank you for the opportunity to send a submission re the above.			
Our objections are as follows:			
1. The Southern Highlands is a dedicated Regenerative Farming area and many of our farmers' properties are also organic. It seems difficult to ascertain exactly what type and amount of chemical output will be produced during the plastics recycling and this could severely impact on those farmers' ability to remain organic. The positioning of this facility is far too close to both farmland and townships.			
2. The understanding of this facility's recycling system is that it needs water for processing. There is a suggestion that the facility will recycle and re-use the water taken from this catchment area 'a few times', however waste water will still be unnecessarily added to, and possibly impact, the local sewage system			
3. As truckloads of waste plastic will be sent from States other than NSW, it seems no thought has been given to the massive carbon footprint that this creates. Each State should be responsible for its own plastic waste. It should not be transported over thousands of kilometres. We also already have a huge loss of wildlife due to truck traffic passing through the area.			
4. There is limited information available on the principals of this company and questions remain as to exactly what type of recycling system they will be undertaking. It seems obvious that the building of this facility has come about due to the fact that is no longer taking our plastic waste.			
While people of the Southern Highlands would like to see good outcomes for plastic waste reduction, this facility is planned for the wrong place.			
I am sending this submission on behalf of the Committee of Slow Food Southern Highlands.			