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I would like to thank the Independent Planning Commission for this opportunity to express my strong opposition to the State Government's plan to place a potentially dangerous heavy industry on the doorstep of the thriving township of Moss Vale.

Our family have established a certified organic fruit and vegetable farm over the past few decades about 18km south east of the suggested site, so downwind of the proposed factory. The thought of plastic flakes blowing around and being adsorbed into the food crops we grow and sell, both locally (to residents and to restaurants) and to the Sydney restaurant market, is worrying to say the least. I have watched some of the videos of locals presenting their concerns to the IPC and was particularly struck by the Doctors and health specialists who educated us about the effects on the endocrine system of micro and nano-plastics we accidentally ingest. This project would impose unfair health issues not only on the current generation but those to come.

Living and working on our farm is our lifestyle and our main income stream so we absolutely feel threatened by this proposal for a plastics recycling facility on the edge of Moss Vale. Having our crops potentially tainted by toxins as a result of this new development will totally go against our ideology of promoting healthy living through eating healthy fresh food. Not only could this threaten our livelihood, as customers may no longer continue to buy from us due to our produce possibly containing harmful toxins as a result of this proposal, but selling such potentially harmful crops totally go against what we stand for.

My husband and I, as well as our employees, spend a lot of our working hours outside on the farm so we will also be inhaling the escaped emissions brought by the strong prevailing winds that occur many months of the year. Our drinking water will also be compromised. (It is interesting to note here that it was announced that Wingecaribee shire won a prize for Best Tap Water in the State earlier this month. Ironically, our future drinking water may not even be safe to drink if the proposal goes ahead.)

WE IMPLORE YOU TO REFUSE APPROVAL OF THIS POLLUTING FACILITY AND REQUEST THAT THE APPLICANT FIND A MORE SUITABLE SITE IN AN AREA AWAY FROM HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND IN A DESIGNATED HEAVY INDUSTRY PRECINCT.

Thankyou.