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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally oppose the establishment of the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility. While I recognise the importance of recycling and its environmental benefits, the proposed facility raises several critical concerns that make it unsuitable for our community.

Environmental Impact

The Moss Vale area is renowned for its natural beauty and biodiversity. Establishing a large-scale plastics recycling facility poses significant risks to the local environment. The potential for contamination of local water sources, soil pollution, and air quality degradation cannot be overlooked. Plastics recycling processes often release hazardous substances, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which can harm the health of local flora and fauna. The increased truck traffic needed to transport plastics to and from the facility will contribute to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, further threatening our environment.

Noise and Traffic Concerns

The operation of a recycling facility will lead to a significant increase in noise levels and traffic congestion. The constant flow of heavy trucks required to transport plastics will not only disrupt the peace and tranquility of our community but also pose safety risks to residents, particularly children and the elderly. The increased traffic will put additional strain on our local infrastructure, leading to faster deterioration of roads and increased maintenance costs.

Health Risks

The potential health risks associated with the operation of a plastics recycling facility are substantial. Exposure to chemicals released during the recycling process can lead to respiratory issues, skin irritation, and other health problems for nearby residents. The long-term health effects of exposure to these substances are not fully understood, and it is irresponsible to subject our community to such risks without thorough, independent health impact assessments.

Economic and Social Impact

The establishment of the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility may also have adverse economic and social impacts on our community. Property values in the vicinity of industrial facilities often decline, which can affect the financial well-being of local homeowners. Furthermore, the presence of an industrial facility can deter tourism, which is a vital source of income for many local businesses.

Alternative Solutions

While the goal of increasing recycling capacity is commendable, there are alternative solutions that do not carry the same risks to our community. Investing in smaller, decentralised recycling operations closer to urban centres, where plastic waste is generated, can minimise transportation emissions and reduce the environmental footprint. Additionally, promoting policies that reduce plastic usage and encourage the development of biodegradable materials can address the root of the problem more effectively.



Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility presents numerous environmental, health, and socio-economic challenges that outweigh its potential benefits. I urge the relevant authorities to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that align with our community's values and protect our cherished environment.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

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