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OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Other issues</i>
Location: New South Wales 2576	
Attachment: N/A	

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To the Independent Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly oppose the development of the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility for the following reasons:

1. Not in the public interest

- Benefits do not outweigh social, environmental and economic impacts on the local environment and surrounding community given the close proximity to sensitive receivers
- Uncertainty around actual facility processes and emissions into the air and water require adoption of the "precautionary principle" for decision making in relation to the applicant's facility.

2. Impacts on air quality and human health not adequately known

- Modelling of representative actual waste stream composition, details of chemical inputs and processes and description of emission type and amounts not provided in sufficient detail to allow proper assessment of applicant's realistic capability to manage emissions
- Reference facility data not provided
- Impacts on air quality and human health cannot be sufficiently determined

3. Insufficient certainty around potential microplastic emissions into air and water

- As the study and understanding of microplastic pollution is rapidly evolving, acceptable certainty using latest data around management capabilities of the proponent and WaterNSW has not been provided
- WaterNSW has not provided adequate detail to determine that its treatment systems are capable of treating emissions based on latest studies, equipment and knowledge of microplastic pollution
- Reference facility data not provided
- Impacts of microplastic release into the air and water on the surrounding community cannot be determined

4. Long-term risks to the environment unknown

- There is uncertainty around the exact processes to be undertaken, and no suitable reference facility identified, therefore the ability of the proponent to manage emissions from the project and the long-term impacts on the environment cannot be determined

5. Suitable reference facility not identified

- Key impacts on the environment and human health cannot be determined

6. Close proximity to schools, residential areas and employment areas is not suitable for heavy industry at this scale



- Inadequate consideration has been given to close proximity to sensitive receivers, especially for a heavy industrial process of this scale and emissions-producing capability

7. Not supported by local community

- Community considers the consultation undertaken to be disingenuous and with minimal interaction

- A larger period of the development application process took place during Covid lockdown period when community connectivity was suppressed

- Dysfunction of the local Wingecarribee Shire Council (demonstrated by removal of Councillors and appointment of an Administrator) over the timeframe of the development application did not allow for adequate community representation and planning oversight

- Minimal detail provided to demonstrate with acceptable certainty and in an easily comprehensible manner that environmental and community impact will be acceptable

Your sincerely,

Concerned member of the public
