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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plastic processing facility in Moss Vale, located just 200 meters from our homes. As a mother of two young sons who have respiratory issues, I am particularly alarmed by the potential health risks this facility poses to our community.

#### Environmental Impact

The introduction of a plastic processing facility brings significant environmental concerns:

**Air Pollution:** The processing of plastics is known to emit harmful pollutants, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter. For families like mine, who already face respiratory challenges, the risk of exacerbated health issues is deeply troubling. Children are especially vulnerable, and I fear for their well-being.

**Water Contamination:** The wastewater produced could contain toxic chemicals that threaten local waterways. This not only endangers aquatic life but could also affect the drinking water we rely on, creating additional health risks for our families.

**Waste Management:** Poorly managed plastic waste can lead to microplastics infiltrating our environment. These tiny particles are incredibly difficult to remove and could have unknown health implications for us and our children.

**Increased Traffic and Noise Pollution:** The facility would likely increase heavy truck traffic, leading to noise, congestion, and an elevated risk of accidents. Such disruptions could make our neighborhood less livable, impacting our daily routines and peace of mind.

#### Proximity to Residential Areas

The proposed facility's location raises serious concerns due to its closeness to our homes:

**Health Risks:** Living near an industrial site increases exposure to potentially harmful emissions. For my sons, who are already dealing with respiratory issues, this could mean serious health implications. It's crucial to prioritize the safety of our families, especially our children.

**Noise and Odor Disturbances:** The constant noise from machinery and truck traffic, along with unpleasant odors from plastic processing, would significantly impact our quality of life. I worry about how this environment will affect my children's health and happiness.

**Decreased Property Values:** An industrial facility nearby could decrease property values, as families may hesitate to invest in homes close to such environmental hazards. This has long-term consequences for our community's well-being and financial health.

#### Lack of Adequate Community Consultation



*I feel there has been a lack of meaningful consultation with local residents regarding this proposal. Our community deserves a voice in decisions that impact our health and environment. The current limited engagement undermines our ability to express our concerns and protect our families.*

#### *Alternative Locations*

*There are certainly more appropriate locations for a plastic processing facility, particularly in established industrial zones where the risks to residents would be minimized. Choosing a site farther from homes would help safeguard our community's health and well-being.*

#### *Conclusion*

*Given the serious environmental and social risks, the proximity to residential areas, and the lack of adequate community consultation, I strongly urge the Independent Planning Commission to reconsider the approval of this facility at its proposed location. The health and safety of our families must take precedence over industrial interests.*

*I respectfully request a full environmental and social impact assessment, along with comprehensive community consultation, before any decisions are made regarding this development.*

*Thank you for considering my concerns. I look forward to your response and hope to engage further on this critical matter.*

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