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My concern is with the safeguards and best practices to manage the risk of micro plastic and forever chemicals reaching the environment and water supply from the plant through transport, processing or accident.

We know today that asbestos is a serious risk to human health and have banned it from use in construction and manage its removal with extreme precautions.

The scientific evidence is now showing that micro plastics and the forever chemicals associated with plastics are a danger to human health. We do not want to look back in 10 years' time and realise that the risks are actually more serious than asbestos due to the pervasive use in society.

How can this plant provide assurances that these issues are addressed, and the system is a closed loop so contaminants cannot reach the water or environment.

I do not believe such assurances can be made.

We should not rush into dealing with a growing stockpile of soft plastics and in process create a long term environmental and health impact through these micro plastics and forever chemicals.

Our family is a strong advocate of recycling but the concern here is that the priority is to deal with the stockpile of plastics rather than how we can safely manage and deal with micro plastics and forever chemical contamination.

Let's ensure that the priority is on long term security of the environment and health rather than getting the plant approved.