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OBJECT

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I object because there is a lack of buffer zone with residential areas and particularly with schools, as my daughter attends a school that is only 2kms away, so any pollution will impact her daily. Also the location is wrong, as it is in a riparian zone in Goulburn and Sydney's drinking water catchment, so microplastics will be washed into the water, which has just been awarded the best tasting tap water in NSW! There is also a high fire risk: this is a hazardous industry and there have been numerous fires in plastics recycling and processing facilities. The fire retardant used to combat such fires contains PFAS, a forever chemical emerging research suggests is a carcinogen, and starves waterways of oxygen. As well as the risk to residents in Moss Vale, which is a bush fire prone area there are 4 aged care facilities which would be horrendous to evacuate. I also object because of a lack of appropriate transport infrastructure to ensure a safe transport route for 23m B-Double Trucks and that it conflicts with Wingecarribee Shire Council decision that it not proceed. This battle is not in opposition to recycling: this is not the right site. Approval for locations for other Recycling Factories, half the size of this facility have justified the location on the basis that they are kilometres away from the nearest residential area and not in a Drinking Water Catchment. The proposed Plasrefine factory aims to process 120,000 tons of plastic waste annually from Sydney, Canberra, and Wollongong, making it one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. So there will be tons and tons of pollution. This is not the right place.