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I am 100% in support of the need for plastic recycling. Unless everyone is prepared to give up using plastic, we need recycling facilities. I support the establishment of a plastic recycling plant in the Wingecarribee shire. I fear that a lot of the opposition to this facility is not in my backyard which I think is short sighted and elitist. To those people who oppose it, I would question whether, if they don't support recycling, they are willing to stop using plastic. I doubt that they would. I believe that a suitable site could be found, and that workarounds could be found to deal with the potential for site contamination. For example, the issue of the doors opening for five hours a day could be mitigated by having an airlock that trucks pass through. I encourage the Commission to look for solutions, and to consider ways to make this work. Perhaps an alternative site away from vineyards?

The destruction of the environment by plastic contamination is a real concern for me and my family, and we want recycling facilities so that we can move away from our dependence on new plastic. The amount of plastic that humans create is growing exponentially and we can't keep throwing away single use plastic into landfills. I have witnessed the horrendous Payatas garbage pile in the Philippines. The shocking living conditions for children growing up here is testament to our ability to turn a blind eye to our over consumption and willingness to pollute this earth. The great pacific garbage patch is another example of our short sightedness in relation to our dependence on plastic. We just can't keep pumping out plastic irresponsibly and plastic recycling is urgently needed.

I don't want this development to be opposed without a real and concerted effort to find a way to make this work. There are always solutions, if enough time and effort is spent investigating the problem at hand. I do appreciate concerns regarding environmental contamination of farmland, and I share those concerns, but this facility needs to go somewhere. Please, please help find a solution that addresses concerns but enables a way forward for the recycling facility. It is too urgent a problem to ignore.