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OBJECT

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*Submission Against the Approval of a Plastics Recycling Centre in Moss Vale, NSW*

*To Whom It May Concern,*

*I am writing to formally oppose the proposed establishment of a plastics recycling centre in Moss Vale, New South Wales. While the intent behind recycling is commendable, the potential social, health, and environmental impacts of such a facility in our community raise significant concerns that warrant thorough consideration.*

### *1. Social Impacts*

*- Community Disruption: The introduction of a plastics recycling centre could disrupt the peaceful nature of Moss Vale. Increased truck traffic, noise pollution, and operational hours may disturb residents, affecting their quality of life and property values.*

*- Impact on Local Businesses: The presence of a recycling centre could deter tourists and potential customers, particularly if it leads to unpleasant odors or visual pollution. Local businesses that rely on the attractiveness of the area may suffer economically.*

*- Stigmatization of the Community: Being associated with a recycling facility may lead to a negative perception of Moss Vale, impacting its reputation as a desirable place to live and work. This could hinder future development opportunities and community initiatives.*

### *2. Health Impacts*

*- Air Quality Concerns: The processing of plastics can release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other pollutants into the air. This poses serious health risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions.*

*- Noise Pollution: Machinery and operations associated with recycling can produce significant noise. Chronic exposure to high noise levels is linked to various health issues, including stress, sleep disturbance, and cardiovascular problems.*

*- Potential for Chemical Exposure: The handling and processing of plastics often involve hazardous materials. There is a risk of chemical spills or leaks that could expose workers and nearby residents to toxic substances, leading to long-term health effects.*

### *3. Environmental Impacts*

*- Contamination Risks: Improper handling of plastics can lead to contamination of local soil and water sources. Any spills or leaks could have devastating effects on the local ecosystem, harming wildlife and plants that are integral to our community's natural heritage.*

*- Inadequate Waste Management: The proposed facility may struggle to manage waste effectively, leading to increased litter and pollution in surrounding areas. This could undermine local conservation efforts and degrade the natural beauty of Moss Vale.*



*- Carbon Footprint: The operation of a plastics recycling centre involves energy consumption and transportation emissions. This could contribute to an increase in our community's overall carbon footprint, counteracting efforts to combat climate change.*

#### *4. Alternative Solutions*

*Rather than investing in a plastics recycling centre in our community, we should consider other sustainable options.*

#### *Conclusion*

*In conclusion, while the goal of recycling is to promote sustainability, the establishment of a plastics recycling centre in Moss Vale poses significant risks to our community's social fabric, public health, and environmental integrity. I urge decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and explore alternative solutions that prioritize the well-being of our residents and the preservation of our community.*

*Thank you for considering my submission.*

*Sincerely,*

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