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OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Visual impacts, design and landscaping, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
Location: <i>Australian Capital Territory 2577</i>	
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I object to the proposed plastics recycling facility as there are serious concerns regarding the facility and its operation with impact on my and the local community of the Southern Highlands area. These concerns do not appear to be adequately, or sufficiently, addressed in the proposed development documentation, either by mistake or deliberate intent, to minimise the projected impact of the facility. However, there remains serious misgivings about waste pollution, both wind blown and water borne from the facility operation which will have an adverse effect on the local residents, area and the extended adjacent areas with micro pollutants being discharged. These will also have a direct adverse effect on the Sydney water supply as all local water courses and rivers discharge into the Warrangamba Dam - the Sydney main water supply. Other concerns are the impact on local infrastructure, roads and access points from the extensive truck movements, up to I understand, 80 plus per day, and given that the facility will be operational on a 24 hour basis ongoing safety and disruption to the quiet enjoyment of the residents and their living arrangements.

The current Southern Highlands Innovation Park location will be directly adversely impacted by the extent and operation of the proposed facility with overshadowing, road congestion and the heavy industry which the facility will no doubt become. This Park is intended to foster unique and divergent businesses with encouragement to become a focal point of the area and attract customers and visitors without the impact of heavy industry - this would be destroyed by the facility development.

There are many unpublished points such as : Operational noise, operational pollutant extent, access conditions, total vehicle movements and impact on the access and egress routes involved. In the event of a fire at the facility there is no local firefighting facilities which could cope with the type of blaze anticipated with resources from up to 80 kms away needed to attend, this is completely unsafe and dangerous to the local community and residents. It is also of concern about the economic impact on the area with local authorities being required to outlay extensive additional financial resources to cope with any ongoing infrastructure maintenance attributed to increased traffic usage of roads etc.

Whilst it is understood that recycling is a necessary pursuit, the proposed location of the facility is simply not suitable for this type of industry.
