Ms Emma Barnet Infrastructure and Industry Assessments NSW Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

RE: SSD - 9409987 Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility Amendment

## Dear Ms Barnet,

I am writing this letter as a concerned resident and a long-term member of the Moss Vale community, where I have had the privilege of living for 95 years. I would like to strongly object to the proposed establishment of a massive plastic recycling factory in our beautiful town.

Having witnessed the transformations and challenges our community has faced over the years, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to speak out against the location of this facility. While I understand the importance of recycling and reducing plastic waste, the chosen site for this factory is, in my humble opinion, the wrong one.

First and foremost, I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact this factory could have on the local ecosystem. Moss Vale and the Southern Highlands is known for its natural beauty, and I have cherished the tranquillity and serenity that our environment has offered for almost a century. The prospect of a massive industrial operation within our town boundary raises serious questions about air and water pollution, impacts on residents' health, potential harm to local flora and fauna, and the disruption of the rural charm that makes Moss Vale unique.

Moreover, the noise, traffic, and congestion that would inevitably accompany such a facility would irreversibly alter the character of our town and affect the well-being of its residents. At 95 years old, I value the peace and quiet that Moss Vale provides, and I am concerned that this proposal would jeopardize that tranquillity.

In addition, I worry about the long-term implications of a plastic recycling factory on our community's health. Airborne pollutants, accidents, and unforeseen hazards could pose significant health risks to our residents, including the many children and elderly individuals who call Moss Vale home.

Finally, I would like to express my concern about the potential negative impact on our property values. Many of us have invested our life's savings into homes and properties here in Moss Vale, and the presence of such a facility nearby could decrease the value of our assets.

I implore you to reconsider the suitability of this site for a plastic recycling factory and to engage the community in a comprehensive dialogue to address our concerns and find a more appropriate location for this important endeavour.

I understand the need for recycling, but it should not come at the expense of the well-being and harmony of a community that has existed for generations. I kindly request that you take my objections, along with those of many others, into careful consideration before proceeding with approval of this project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that our collective voices will be heard and that the best interests of the Moss Vale community will be taken to heart.

Sincerely,

Barbara Moore