

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Centennial Vineyards, we would like to express our concerns about the potential development of the plastics recycling plant proposed for Moss Vale.

First and foremost, we believe our health and the environment around us need to be clean, and with this development, it's hard to understand how no particles will be found in the air, soil and water catchments. With a large proportion of agriculture, including ourselves, still successfully operating in the Southern Highlands, these adverse effects could severely damage many crops and the livelihood of the local farmers.

We have all grown for this area to become one of the leading Food and Wine regions. Having a business like this in the area would be detrimental to the image we are trying to portray in the Southern Highlands and a big turn-off when visiting Moss Vale, especially when they have gone so far in becoming a tourist town within themselves.

When I think of these businesses, it reminds me of Port Kembla, Newcastle, Kemps Creek and Ingleburn.

When I think of tourism areas, I think of the Southern Highlands, Mudgee, Byron Bay and Shoalhaven. We are avid recyclers and want to do more for our environment. However, there are large industrial areas already for projects like this, and Moss Vale is not one of them.

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