



STATEMENT FROM SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS MATTERS IN RESPONSE TO REPOLY CLAIMS REPORTED BY ABC ILLAWARRA 5 NOVEMBER 2025

Bowral: November 5th, 2025. We stand by our statement that the RePoly plastics factory Moss Vale proposal is a risk to the safety of Sydney's water catchment.

We don't expect RePoly to agree with our independent experts, but as RePoly initiated the appeal, this is now a matter for the Land and Environment Court.

South Highland Matters Inc (SHM) rejects entirely the suggestion or any assertion that we have spread, or intend to spread, any disinformation regarding RePoly's proposed facility. Indeed, we are committed to a fact-based engagement with the community, allowing residents to fully understand for themselves the complete set of risks to health, amenity, and environment that RePoly threatens."

As background information, please note the SHM position as follows:

- SHM highlights the significant risks to be managed, in addition to the potentially irreversible risks associated with the RePoly plastics factory proposal, including air, water, micro- and nano-plastics, fire, transport, and social impact, as identified by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC). The Commission ultimately deemed the site unsuitable because those cumulative risks couldn't be ruled out or managed to an acceptable standard. This is directly referable to Sydney's drinking water - the site lies within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment (SDWC),

On the specific question of water, raised by RePoly Tuesday, November 5th, with ABC Illawarra

- The site is within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment (SDWC), so it must satisfy the Neutral or Beneficial Effect (NorBE) water quality test.
- WaterNSW, NSW Health, and the EPA all provided input to the IPC, acknowledging unresolved risks (especially from microplastics and potential fire-water runoff).
- RePoly's own technical reports reveal that up to 10,000 litres of process wastewater will be discharged to the local sewer system per day via a proposed new sewer connection. The proposed wastewater treatment plant is projected to generate

approximately 9,000 tonnes of dewatered sludge per year, which may be sent to landfill.

- The Wingecarribee Shire Council has also stated in a letter to GHD (RePoly's engineering advisors and author of its EIS) dated 8 March 2024, that the Moss Vale Wastewater Treatment Plant has no specific treatment element to remove microplastics and estimated the addition of wastewater from RePoly's proposed facility to the sewer network could increase the total amount of microplastics received by 10% to 100%. Indeed, GHD has admitted, in a letter to the Independent Planning Commission dated 30 October 2024, that the proposed wastewater treatment plant on the site will not remove all the microplastics in the process wastewater.

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