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I would like to express the strongest possible opposition to the Plasrefine Plastics Reprocessing Facility which has been approved for Moss Vale.

My concerns are for the health & safety of my family, our community and our environment and the negative impact this project will have on tourism which our local economy relies on.

The proximity of this proposed development is completely inappropriate for a heavy industrial plant of this size & scope.

It is too close to residential homes, without due consideration for the impact of noise and increased traffic from heavy trucks and support vehicles.

The site is situated on two riparian zones where water flows into the Wingecarribee River. Rainwater runoff would impact the water supply to adjacent agricultural land and wildlife habitats.

Any accident or fire at the facility could have catastrophic impact, toxic forever chemicals potentially spilling into the ecosystem with devastating results " a disaster from which the area may never recover.

The volume of trucks and support vehicles travelling to and from this site will significantly impact traffic congestion, along roads that are already struggling to cope at peak times. Not to mention the added air and noise pollution of around 100 truck movements per day.

Any commitment the developer has made to mitigate the impact of heavy truck movements to and from the site via back roads is of little or no value as there is no governing body assigned to monitor and enforce such traffic activities. It is more than likely these heavy vehicles will take the fastest route which will take them past residental homes, schools and into the town centre, negatively impacting local traffic & air quality.

As a local business owner, I am deeply concerned about the economic impact of this development.

Damage to our fragile environment will undermine tourism which our local economy relies on.

Tourism supports many local businesses across the region and is a fundamental component of the local economy. Any negative impact such as toxic contamination, heavy vehicle traffic and noise & air pollution will drive visitors away and damage our regional economy. My family has a retail business here and I can tell you definitively that at least 50% of our business is generated by visitors. We cannot afford for that sector of our economy to be undermined.

I live on a rural zoned property 2KM from the centre of Moss Vale. The land has been in our family for 40 years. We were married on the property some years ago. We moved here 5 years ago and set up businesses in the area to establish our lives in this peaceful, idilic community.

Our daughter & fianc \tilde{A} [©] have also moved here - they will be married on the same spot we were next year and plan to take over the property one day, when we can no longer manage it.

So we are here for good - moving is not an option - this place is our heritage and our legacy.



Since the DPHI approved this proposed recycling facility, I've spoken to many residents who have advised that, should the project go ahead, they will move out of the area.

A decision to move would be difficult for us - we have deep roots here.

We have always trusted our government to make the right decisions for our community - decisions that nurture & protect us.

However this proposal - for Australia's largest Plastics recycling facility to be built on this site - so close to residential land and a thriving rural community has been developed and approved without consideration for the health and safety of the community.

Please know that I am 100% in favour of plastic recycling and reprocessing " there is an urgent need to increase our capacity to cope with the volume of plastic waste we generate. However, there must be a more suitable location for the country's largest Plastics reprocessing plant!

I implore you to overturn the decision made by the DPHI with their approval of this development.

Moss Vale is not the right location for this project.

It may be an easy solution to the Plastics reprocessing shortfall but it's the WRONG decision, one that will do irreparable damage to a thriving regional community, the impact of which with send shock waves through this region for many years to come.