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**OBJECT**

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*I am writing to express my strong opposition to the establishment of the plastic recycling plant proposed by Plasrefine in the Southern Highlands. This opposition is grounded in the following concerns, which align with both community well-being and environmental stewardship:*

*Environmental Impact: Recycling facilities can produce substantial air and water pollution. Emissions from plastic processing may release harmful toxins, affecting air quality and contributing to broader ecological damage in the surrounding area.*

*Public Health Risks: Studies have shown that plastic processing can release microplastics and chemicals that pose health risks to residents, especially vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly. We urge that an independent health impact assessment be conducted to measure these risks fully.*

*Noise and Traffic Concerns: Increased traffic from transporting materials to and from the facility will heighten noise pollution and disrupt local residents' quality of life. Furthermore, additional road traffic will strain local infrastructure, increasing maintenance costs and risk of accidents.*

*Negative Impact on Property Values and Community Appeal: The presence of an industrial recycling facility in this largely residential area will diminish property values and deter future residents and visitors, impacting the economic vitality of the community.*

*We respectfully urge the council to consider these significant risks and to deny approval of the Plasrefine plant. A thorough exploration of alternative, less impactful locations or methods of waste management would better align with sustainable development goals and the health and welfare of the Southern Highlands community.*

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