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The Pas Refine proposal in Moss Vale is unsuitable in most every aspect.

The zoning for the site is light industry yet in close proximity to domestic properties. The planned facility is in no way light industry and cannot be put on the site. It will massively impact the surrounding property value and this will have knock on effects to the property markets in the wider town, not to mention it will impact nearby research facilities.

The amount of traffic this facility will bring through moss vale and surrounding towns will not be tenable. There is already sever congestion in moss vale at the best of times, and gridlock at the worst. The road the facility will be built on is not capable of supporting the amount of heavy vehicle traffic that the facility will bring. The amount of trucks that are going to be traveling on this road 24/7 will heavily impact local residents and will necessitate an entire rebuild of the road. The number of trucks will also increase as facility operations continue as is always the case.

The fire emergency planning thus far is laughably pathetic. it is worth mentioning for my opinion in this regard only that I have been a firefighter for the Moss Vale Rural Fire Brigade (NSW RFS) for 9 years. A large scale fire at the proposed facility will be devastating on the local surrounds and could very well displace local residents due to the hazards produced. In the spirit of full disclosure, the claims that local fire services in Moss Vale and the Wingecarribee Shire are not adequate to combat a large fire at the proposed site, however this is true of most of the heavy industry in Wingecarribee. Planning for such emergencies is the job of the local emergency management committee and the additional resources required for an incident will be identified as is normal.

The environmental impact cannot be overstated. This facility will require large amounts of water 24/7 and the current water mains in Moss Vale are not able to supply this water without upgrades, or else the local community will be effected by loss of pressure/supply. The facility will not be operating on a closed loop system and water will be dumped in to the local water systems. The Wingecarribee is a major water catchment area and feeds into Warragamba Dam, providing water to the population of Sydney. The microplastics in the offloaded water will not be adequately filtered and will be introduced to our waterways. There is native wildlife in our rivers, including platypus. Once these microplastics are introduced into the environment it will be too late. It cannot be removed and the impact will be devastating.

Overall this site is wholly inadequate. This is not a simple case of I don't want to look at it. or not near me. The amount of negative impact this facility will bring not just to Moss Vale, but the wider community and beyond cannot be overstated. Care must be taken when implementing these sort of facilities and this one absolutely fails in its due diligence. There is a loud community outcry against this facility and should approval be given it would be a failure of the system.