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Plasrefine Recycling Plant proposal - I OBJECT on the grounds that it is so obviously in The Wrong Place.

Why is it the Wrong Place to site a Hazardous Industry?

It is MUCH TOO CLOSE to Residential Areas, especially between Berrima Road, Beaconsfield and Lackey Road, right next to or only a few hundred metres away from people's homes, plus New Berrima, historic Berrima and Burradoo residential areas, and only 2.5km from Moss Vale Town Centre. MUCH TOO CLOSE to Local Residents; MUCH TOO CLOSE TO Schools, especially St Paul's School, and Oxley College and Chevalier in Burradoo as the wind blows, Childcare Centres, Sports Fields because it is a Hazardous Industry, with many pollutant and other risks HARMFUL TO HUMANS. No buffer zones are proposed. The 24-hour site would be seen and heard from close by residents. Even if trees were planted, they take twenty years to grow and are only a visual barrier.

The proposed site is 1.8km from my home. A 3-minute drive; a 20-minute walk! I have lived there for over 20 years. I don't want to come home from work and wonder what I am breathing in; whether the water in my tap is safe to drink; whether it is safe to eat the vegetables I grow in my back yard; listen to the noise of trucks and 24-hour operation of a plastics recycling plant on my doorstep when I am trying to sleep before my alarm goes off at 5.30am.

Industries like this have a High Risk of Fire breaking out, with extreme temperatures, requiring specialist fire-fighting equipment and trained crews which Moss Vale simply does not have. (Moss Vale Fire Station is Unmanned, Volunteers). Nor do our nearest towns Bowral and Mittagong. So the risk of a fire spreading from the facility sited in agricultural and bushland - is also very high, if we do not have the means to contain it. If fire were to break out, the cloud of toxic smoke and fumes would easily reach the schools and homes mentioned, plus residents of New Berrima, Burradoo and Berrima itself, our flagship Tourist Attraction, and all the people who work in that industrial area. Such airborne toxins are harmful to human health and livestock in the area.

Moss Vale, Berrima, Bowral and Mittagong is an Area of Tourism, with early settlement History, an area of Natural Beauty. Our main businesses revolve around Tourism, which provides our main Employment Opportunities, especially for young people, and Recreation for our visitors. If we damage our area by bringing in such Hazardous Industries, why would tourists come? Why would new residents choose to live here? If we lose the main employment driver, our young people will move away, as has happened and continues to happen in country towns in regional areas without employment opportunities.

I have lived in Moss Vale and this area most of my 67 years. It is only in the last ten/twenty years that Moss Vale has really started to thrive. There were many unleased shops, we had only one supermarket, the kids all moved away for work. In those years, Moss Vale has reinvented itself as a vibrant township with many attractions for new residents and tourists and they come. We now have three supermarkets and Mangers Butchers in Moss Vale and many others food providers/supermarkets throughout the Southern Highlands to service the fast-growing population. This is all put in danger if we allow Hazardous Industries.

There are many other obvious reasons why this Plasrefine Recycling Proposal is in The Wrong Place.



Potential Water Pollution in a clean country environment;

- *This is part of Sydney Water Catchment, so if/when toxic matter leaches or spills into our ground water or waterways (as has already happened with coal mines in the area), it will pollute drinking water not only for the people of Moss Vale and the towns in the Southern Highlands, but Sydney and Goulburn.*
- *The toxic mix in that water will include known carcinogens, causing illness and cancers into the future. Dioxins, Hydrogen Cyanide, Benzene, Cyanide, PFAs and the rest.*

Air Pollution

- *In the event that their Filtration Systems fail*
- *In the event of a fire at the plant*

Effect on further development of the Southern Highlands Innovation Park. On Berrima Road and Beaconsfield Road. In which our Council has invested much time and work to attract businesses. It may discourage less poisonous businesses from setting up there or worse encourage more hazardous industries and then we really have a Poison Problem where none existed before.

Negative Traffic Impacts throughout the area on already truck-damaged roads which Council can barely keep up with.

- *50/100 large truck movements daily 5 days a week 9/18 heavy trucks an hour is a large increase on the truck movements already in the area, going to Boral Cement; Inghams Chicken Factory (I hope they're airtight!); the Livestock Saleyards, and all the heavy freight trucks passing through to and from the Hume Highway;*
- *Road upkeep has been a huge financial concern/burden for our local Council. Many of our rural roads, which are the capillaries between main roads in the area, require almost constant attention. Roads are often patched to save on costs but one good downpour of rain and the potholes open up again. The sides of roads are regularly squashed by heavy trucks, which causes subsidence at the edges of road, rain pools, a pothole develops, and can be a danger to other road users. More trucks on our country roads will cost the Council and us ratepayers more.*

Loss of a Clean Air Country Town for Residents and Surrounding Areas and our Mental Health

Neither the IPC nor Plasrefine can guarantee to Moss Vale and surrounding town residents that there will not be any accidents of Water Pollution, Air Pollution, Fire Hazards, Dangerous Truck Driving. It is a ticking time bomb. And once it is gone, it is GONE.

It's In The Wrong Place. Please do not approve it.

Thank you for listening.
