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OBJECT

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Subject: Submission in Opposition to State Significant Development by Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed development by Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd at 74-76 Beaconsfield Rd, Moss Vale.

As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the impact this plastic processing facility will have on our community and the surrounding environment. This project threatens to disrupt our lifestyle with toxic dust, noise, traffic, and a host of potential environmental impacts which may not be realised for years.

The bulk and scale of the proposed development is grotesque and entirely unsuitable for the region. The proposed facility is located just 200 meters from homes, and will inevitably introduce constant disruption to what is currently a peaceful, rural area. Light pollution, heavy truck traffic, noise and plastic dust will change the character of Moss Vale, potentially lowering property values and affecting the wellbeing of nearby residents, including my own family.

This proposal also raises significant concerns about the ecosystem in the region. The site is on ecologically sensitive land with riparian areas that are crucial to local biodiversity. Endangered species, such as the critically endangered Eucalyptus Macarthurii, are at risk if this project moves forward. The introduction of toxic chemicals, plastic dust, and microplastics could devastate local wildlife populations. The Wingecarribee River, which connects to the Sydney Water Catchment, serves as a vital water source for both animals and humans, and any contamination could have disastrous effects on the delicate ecosystems that rely on these waters.

Furthermore, with forever chemicals (PFAS) and microplastics becoming an ever-growing concern worldwide, it's alarming to think what could happen if these contaminants seep into our water supply and surrounding habitats. Prevailing winds from the southwest could spread plastic dust and fumes into the broader region, impacting wildlife in Bowral, Burradoo, and beyond.

I am also very concerned about the fire risks posed by this waste facility. The potential for accidents and hazardous situations is too high. What kinds of toxic fumes would be belched into the local atmosphere if tonnes of plastic caught fire? Our local fire services simply do not have the resources to handle such risks, putting the community in danger.

Do local planning regulations allow for heavy industrial use in this area? Even Wingecarribee Shire Council isn't supportive of this project.

This facility is the wrong fit for Moss Vale. The risks to our community's health, the local wildlife, the environment, and our way of life are just too great. I urge you to reject this proposal to protect the Southern Highlands for future generations along with safeguarding the qualities and characteristics that draw people to this beautiful area.

Yours sincerely,

Concerned Highlands Resident