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OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Visual impacts, design and landscaping, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
Location: 2576 New South Wales	
Attachment: N/A	

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I am writing to formally object to the planned Plasrefine facility in Moss Vale. While I understand the need for advancements in waste processing, this proposal raises substantial concerns for our community in the Southern Highlands. The facility's operation could negatively impact the local environment, public health, and the rural character of Moss Vale.

****Environmental Risks****

Moss Vale and the surrounding Southern Highlands are known for their natural beauty, with rich biodiversity and precious water resources. This proposed facility poses potential threats to these assets, including pollution risks to local waterways and habitats. Given the ongoing drought conditions, any contamination or excessive use of water resources could have severe impacts on local agriculture, native ecosystems, and residential water supplies.

****Air Quality and Health Concerns****

The introduction of an industrial facility of this scale brings the risk of airborne pollutants, which could impact the air quality in Moss Vale and beyond. Emissions and waste byproducts from the refining processes have the potential to release harmful chemicals into the air. Our community deserves assurances that emissions will be rigorously controlled and monitored, yet historically, similar facilities have struggled to meet these commitments, raising serious concerns for public health, particularly for children and the elderly.

****Traffic and Infrastructure Strain****

A facility of this magnitude would increase traffic, particularly heavy vehicles transporting materials in and out. This change could lead to road damage, higher accident rates, and increased noise pollution, disrupting the peaceful rural setting. The current infrastructure is not built to handle this increase, meaning significant upgrades would likely be required, potentially at the taxpayer's expense.

****Impact on Local Character and Economy****

Moss Vale and the greater Southern Highlands are known for tourism, agriculture, and small businesses, all of which rely on the region's pristine environment and community feel. The proposed facility could deter visitors, potentially impacting local jobs and businesses. Additionally, a visible industrial presence could lower property values, affecting homeowners across the area.

For these reasons, I urge local decision-makers and environmental regulatory bodies to reconsider this proposal in light of its potentially far-reaching impacts on our community. A comprehensive and transparent impact assessment, open to public scrutiny, is crucial before any further steps are taken.

Thank you for considering my objections, and I hope that the needs and concerns of the residents of Moss Vale and the Southern Highlands are prioritized in this decision.