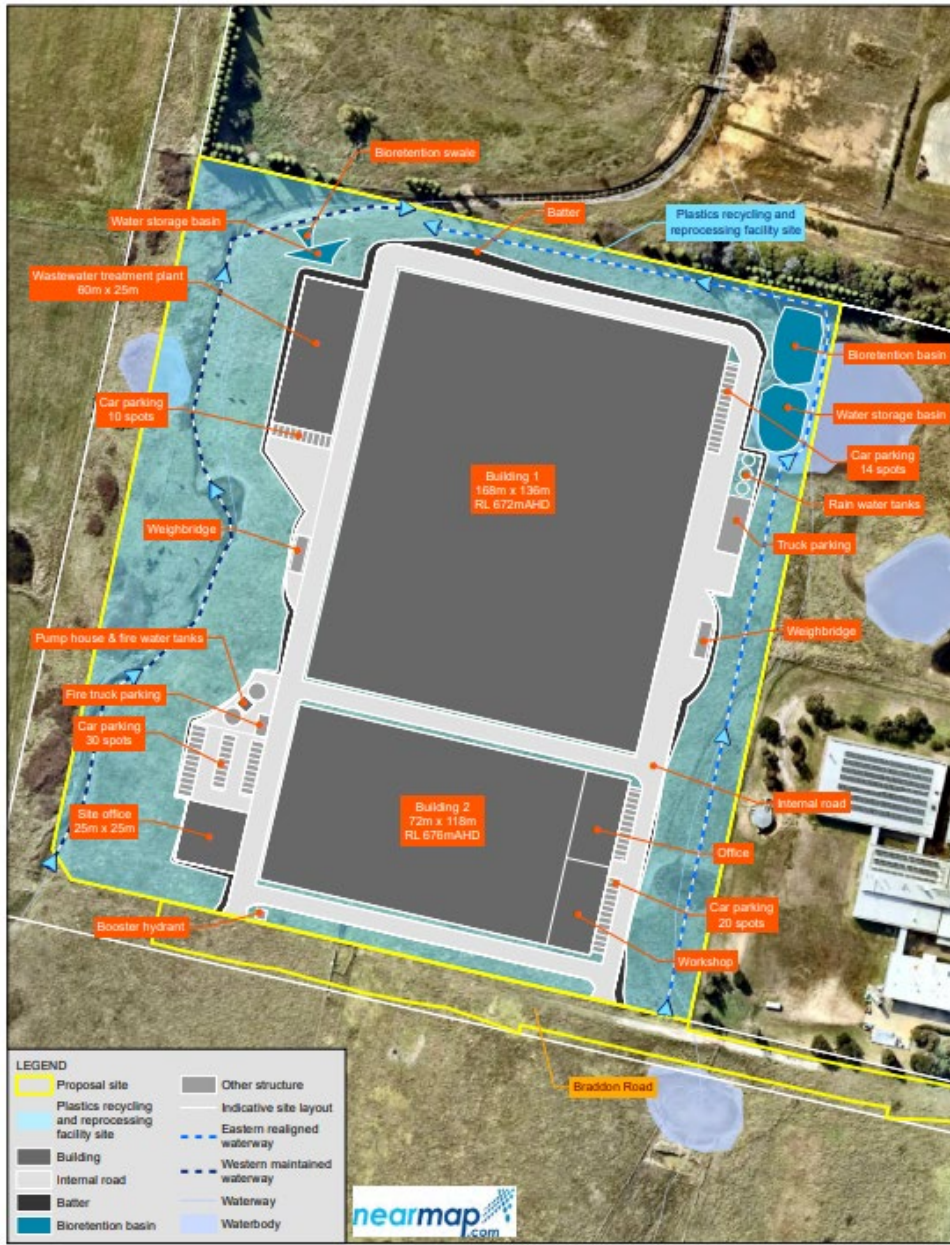




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Australia



Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd Proposed site layout

Taken from Moss Vale Plastics Recycling and Reprocessing Facility
Technical Report 4 – Preliminary Site Investigation (Contamination)
Figure 1.2



Health impacts associated with traffic emissions in Australia.

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Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance



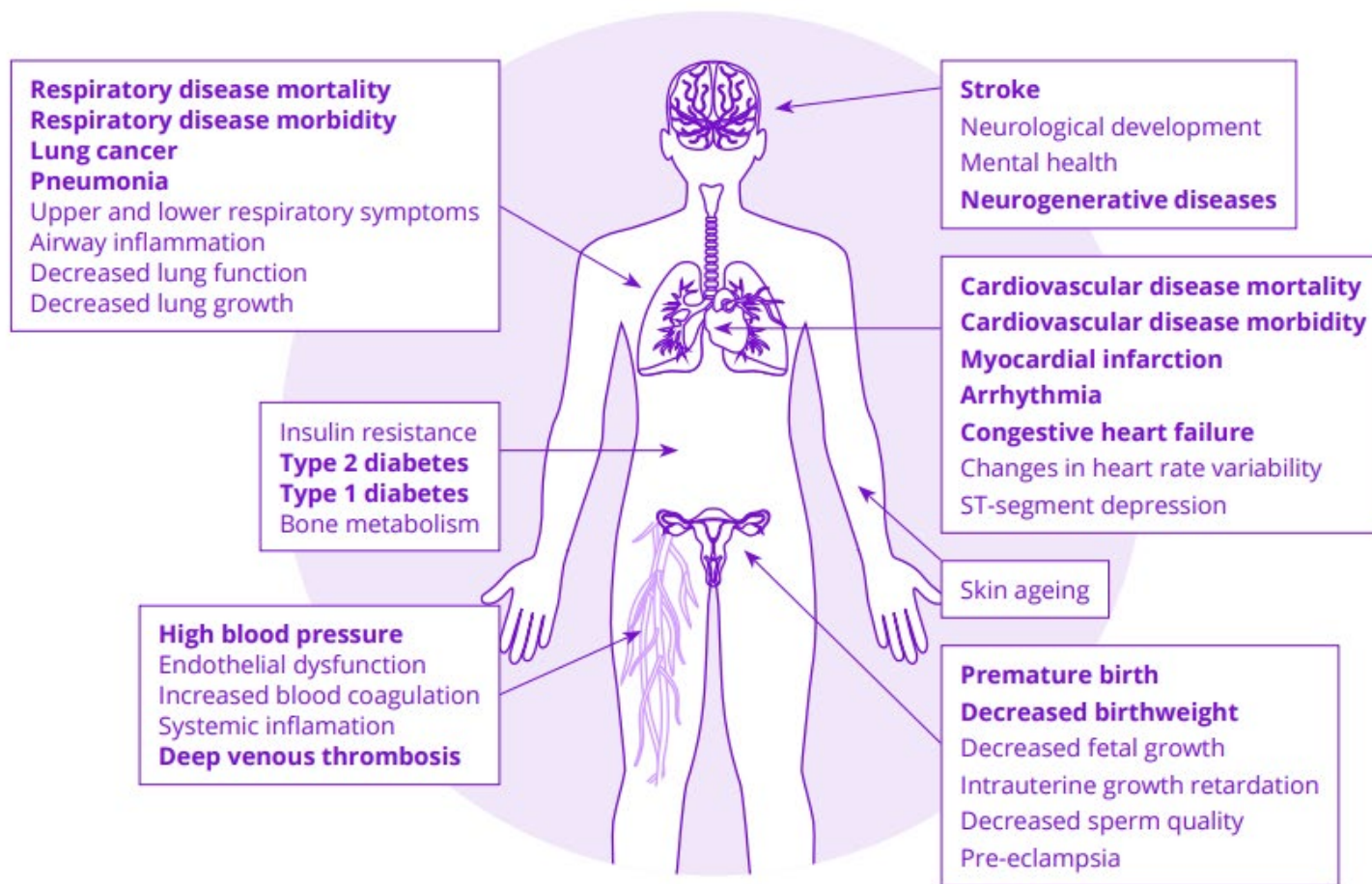


Figure 1. Overview of diseases, conditions and biomarkers affected by outdoor air pollution. Bold type indicates conditions currently included in the Global Burden of Disease categories (Thurston, Kipen et al. 2017)

Health impacts from human-made air pollution (2016)

1.745 million

restricted activity days

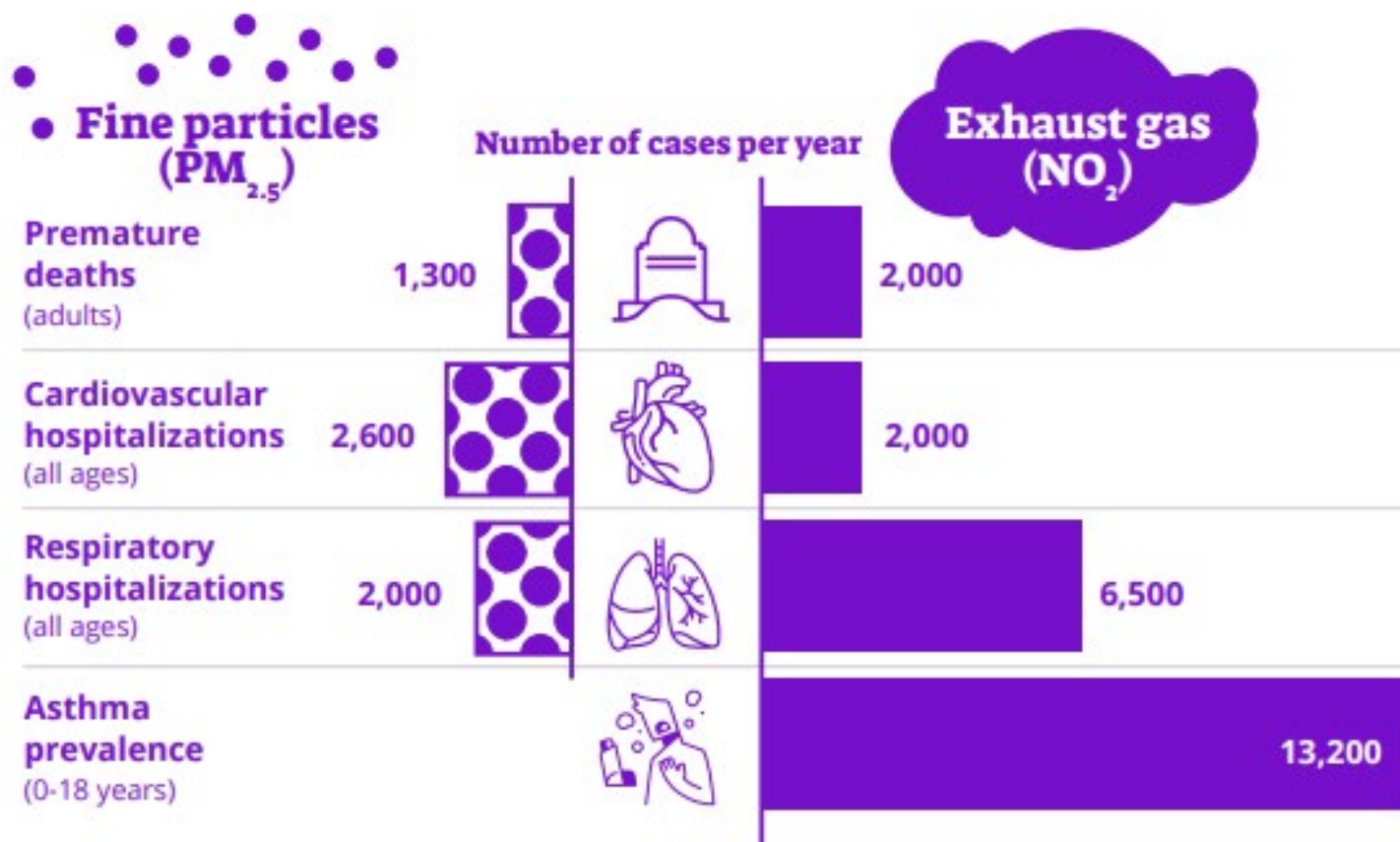


Figure 2. Key findings of the HAPINZ 3.0 Study

The Precautionary Principle in Environmental Decision Making

Four central components

- Taking preventive action in the face of uncertainty
- Shifting the burden of proof to the proponents of an activity
- Exploring a wide range of alternatives to possibly harmful actions
- Increasing public participation in decision making

Kriebel D, Tickner J, Epstein P, Lemons J, Levins R, Loechler EL, Quinn M, Rudel R, Schettler T, Stoto M. The precautionary principle in environmental science. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2001 Sep;109(9):871-6. doi: 10.1289/ehp.01109871. PMID: 11673114; PMCID: PMC1240435.

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS in plastic

PRODUCTION

USE

DISPOSAL

Toxic, mutagenic, and carcinogenic monomers are used to make plastic polymers²

PUR PAN PVC Epoxy resins
Styrenic co-polymers

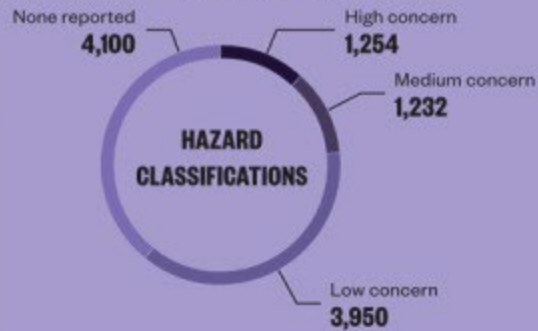
Of **906** chemicals associated with plastic packaging, **63** rank in the highest category for human health hazards³

7/906 chemicals are PBT or vPvB
15 are EDC³

Chemical additives in plastics can be released during recycling and recovery processes, and leach out from products made from recyclates⁵

Greater numbers of chemicals are found in recycled compared to virgin plastic⁶

Over **10,500** chemicals are used to make plastic, comprising monomers, additives and processing aids¹



Many chemicals in food packaging can leach out onto food, leading to human exposure⁴



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HEALTH IMPACTS OF PLASTIC

Plastic causes disease, disability, and premature death at every stage of its life cycle



BOSTON COLLEGE

PRODUCTION

USE

DISPOSAL

PLASTIC WORKERS

Coal mining

Traumatic injury Cave-ins
Coal workers' pneumoconiosis
Silicosis Cardiovascular disease
Lung cancer

Oil and gas extraction Conventional and fracking

Traumatic injury Fire Explosion
Silicosis Cardiovascular disease
Lung cancer COPD

Production

Cracking, polymerization, compounding

Hepatic angiosarcoma
Brain cancer Mesothelioma
Decreased fertility/sterility
Breast cancer Lung cancer
Neurotoxic injury
Leukemia Lymphoma
Asthma COPD
Cardiovascular disease

Synthetic textile manufacture

Bladder cancer Lung cancer
Interstitial lung disease
Mesothelioma

Recycling and waste disposal

Cardiovascular disease
Heavy metal poisoning Cancers
Neuropathy Lung disease

Fossil fuel transport

Burns Injuries Traumatic death

Fracking

Premature birth Low birth weight Childhood leukemia Asthma COPD
Cardiovascular disease Vehicular injuries Mental health problems

FENCELINE COMMUNITIES

PLASTIC USERS

Leaching of chemical additives

Decreased fertility Premature births
Neurodevelopmental disorders
Male reproductive birth defects
Cardiovascular disease Obesity
Cancer Renal disease

Micro- and nanoplastics Direct toxicity

Accumulation in tissues & cells
Inflammation Oxidative stress
Lipid membrane alteration
Mitochondrial injury
Testicular injury

Micro- and nanoplastics Toxicity as vectors of toxic chemicals and pathogens

Decreased fertility
Premature births Infections
Male reproductive birth defects
Neurodevelopmental disorders
Cardiovascular disease
Renal disease Obesity

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