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OBJECT

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I strongly object to the Plasrefine facility for numerous reasons, and I think it is deeply troubling to think that such a stain on our local landscape is so close potentially becoming reality. The facility intends to operate on a 24/7 basis, with trucks constantly having to travel down the narrow and insufficient roads so close to the heart of town. Regardless of the route the trucks ultimately end up taking, whether out towards Berrima or back into Moss Vale itself, the noise pollution and traffic from this constant movement and continuous processing will be noticeable, and have a sustained impact on those living near the site. Its proposed location so close to town too also ensures that residents, their children and pets will be exposed to immensely harmful microplastics, both in the air and through waterways. Strong winds and rain are a common fact of life in Moss Vale; two things that expound on the risk that the pollutants pose as there's no telling how far the harm will extend. Herds of beef and dairy cattle graze on farms all around the proposed location, as do flocks of sheep and numerous native and endangered species of fauna - if left unchecked, as these sites tend to be, the risk to livelihoods and our environment is untold. I moved to the country to escape the suburban crawl and what I felt to be the worsening conditions of Western Sydney, and yet an even greater risk is now posed to the community I call home. I will not contest the need for a site such as this - I agree that plastic waste is harmful and that a facility to recycle it is much needed now more than ever, but there are better, safer locations for a site such as this to be built; further from the heart of a thriving regional community where it poses such a risk to those living nearby. I want to have a town I feel safe to have children in, don't you? A town without an eyesore of a hazard posing such risks to the lifestyle and locale I've come to love.