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OBJECT

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The following are the reasons why I believe the proposal for the Plasrefine plastics recycling facility, SHOULD NOT be approved.

POLLUTION

The process of recycling plastics is not a thorough one. The byproduct of the plastic recycling is a micro and nano plastics which will be discharged into both the water and the air.

- *Water.*

The idea of waste water containing nanoplastics being discharged into local waterways is ludicrous at best, and abhorrent at worst.

The Southern Highlands water catchment supply's water to the local area, but also to Goulburn, and, primarily Sydney's Warragamba Dam catchment, via the Wingecarribee River.

The proposal allegedly put forward by GDH/Plasrefine to prevent water pollution is to reverse the flow of the Wingecarribee River . In the opinion of this observer, this suggestion is both insulting and idiotic.

- *Air quality*

The discharging of ticky' micro and nano plastics into the atmosphere and water is dangerous to the local residents, will be damaging to other industries, (i.e. agribusinesses) within the local Moss Vale area, and the Southern Highlands

- *Visual*

1. *Smoke stacks from the plant are (allegedly) to be built to a height of 22 metres. These smoke stacks will be visible for kilometers around in all directions.*

2. *Also, there is the potential that during extremely windy conditions, (which the Southern Highlands is known for); that the sticky output produced from these smoke stacks will spread the pollution into areas further afield outside of Moss Vale, and into other areas north, south, east and west with the Wingecarribee Shire.*

- *Noise*

The proposed plant operating 24/7 will create noise from the factory, and noise from the trucks coming and going from the plant. Again, the local residents will be affected by the noise.

ENVIRONMENT

The Southern Highlands area already has appalling and inadequate road network. The increased traffic from trucks entering and leaving the Plasrefine plant, and in turn, the local area will already damage a very poor road infrastructure.

The residents of the Southern Highlands know that the local electric grid to be barely adequate. The proposed plant that intends operating 24/7 will become the priority customer for the local electricity grid. Again, local residents will suffer.



The Southern Highlands is well known, (i.e. high winds, rain fall, and bushfires). These weather conditions would make the proposed recycling plant highly risky.

EXISTING BUSINESS

- Wineries

The Southern Highlands wine growing region is one of 24 wine regions within NSW, and one of 65 wine growing regions with Australia.

The Southern Highlands wine region is made up of 60 vineyards, and 17 cellar doors; producing cool climate wines.

This wine region contributes \$14 billion dollars to the NSW state economy, and contributes \$45 billion dollars to the Australian economy.

The wine industry has the potential to be greatly damaged by the polluted air & water created by the proposed Plasrefine plant.

If the wine industry is damaged caused by pollution; the fiscal risk to the local economy will be devastating, and is very real. The potential of a failing wine industry will impact local employment and tourism opportunities.

Another reason why the proposed plant SHOULD NOT be approved.

- Hospitality

The following events have been created over many years in order to attract people with a wide variety of interests to the Southern Highlands.

These interests include the Arts, Wine appreciation, Arts & Crafts, Gastronomy, Naturalists, and Historians.

The events are listed as follows:

1. *Southern Highlands Art Trail*
2. *NSW Wine Month in The Southern Highlands*
3. *Wine Trail*
4. *Pie Trail*
5. *The Southern Highlands Needlecraft & Fibre Arts Trail*
6. *Spring Time Trail*
7. *Nature Trail*
8. *Heritage Trail*

All of these events will be at risk if the Southern Highlands is subjected to the pollution created by the proposed Plasrefine project.

OTHER

1. *Listed below are the Schools, Retirement Villages, and Child care Centres.*

Schools: Avoca Public School, The King's School - Tudor House, Burrawang Public School, St Paul's International College, Moss Vale Public School, Moss Vale High School, St Paul's Infants & Primary School, Oxley College, and Capernwray Australia (Theology College).



Retirement Villages: Oak Tree Retirement Village Moss Vale, and the RFBI Moss Vale Retirement Masonic Village

Child care centres: KU Moss Vale - Childcare Centre, Wembley Road Preschool, Rainbow Kindy Moss Vale, and the Southern Highlands Early Childhood Learning Centre (this centre is located on Beaconsfield Rd “ directly opposite the proposed recycling plant).

The retirees; some locals, and some relocating to the Southern Highlands, for the lifestyle of a peaceful life, and clean environment.

CHILDREN AND RETIREES ARE THE INDIVIDUALS ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE POLLUTION THAT WILL BE CREATED BY THE PROPOSED PLASREFINE RECYCLING PLANT.

Please note, this does not include other Schools, Retirement Villages, and Child care Centres, located in the north, south, east, and west, within the Wingecarribee shire. Other areas of the Shire will also be at risk of the pollution created by the proposed Plasrefine recycling plant.

2. The recycling plants at both in Albury and Parkes have adhered to better environment controls, i.e. located well away from residential areas.

SUMMARY

Recycling IS important.

However, the proposal put forward by the overseas based consortium, an overseas nation with appalling environmental standards, will (allegedly) be given \$80 million dollars of NSW taxpayers money to build the Plasrefine factory.

Why can't the NSW Government spend taxpayers' money building the plant itself? Surely, The NSW Government would have a better understanding of the needs, and concerns the local residents, and understanding of environmental concerns.

Why does corporate greed have win?

What about democracy?

It is NOT okay to compromise the long-term health and wellbeing of the taxpaying residents of the NSW Southern Highlands.

The potential environmental disaster is too great a risk for the Southern Highlands region

The Southern Highlands is not the right site for Plasrefine.

N.B. The information included in this document was sourced from the public domain.
