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OBJECT

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Location: New South Wales 2577	
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I object to the proposed Plasrefine development for the following key reasons:

Environmental Impact: A plastic refinery in Moss Vale would bring significant risks of pollution to the local environment. Refineries release toxic chemicals, which can contaminate soil, air, and water, harming local biodiversity and threatening nearby protected areas, including Morton National Park. Additionally, plastic production is highly resource-intensive and contributes directly to plastic waste and microplastics, which are major environmental hazards worldwide.

Public Health Risks: Plastic refineries emit hazardous pollutants like benzene and formaldehyde, which can have severe health impacts on nearby residents. Prolonged exposure to these pollutants is associated with respiratory issues, cancer, and other health conditions. Locating a plastic refinery near residential areas puts local communities, including vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly, at unnecessary risk.

Economic Drawbacks for Local Industries: Moss Vale is known for its agricultural and tourism industries, which rely on a clean and green image. The presence of a plastic refinery could tarnish this reputation, potentially driving away visitors and affecting local businesses. Moreover, the long-term economic cost of environmental degradation and healthcare needs could outweigh any short-term gains from refinery jobs.

Contradiction to Sustainability Goals: New South Wales, like much of Australia, has been moving towards sustainable practices and reducing plastic waste. Approving a plastic refinery undermines these goals and sets a precedent for increased plastic production, locking in unsustainable practices for decades. Instead of creating infrastructure for plastic production, efforts should focus on recycling and sustainable alternatives.

Community Opposition and Social Impact: Local residents have expressed strong opposition to the project, concerned about the adverse effects on their health, environment, and property values. Ignoring community concerns risks fostering distrust between the government, the company, and the public, potentially leading to social unrest and legal challenges.

By considering cleaner, future-focused alternatives, Moss Vale can prioritise health, environmental integrity, and long-term economic stability over the risks posed by a plastic refinery.