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OBJECT

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Subject: Objection to Plasrefine Proposal in Moss Vale

Dear Members of the NSW Independent Planning Commission,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of the Plasrefine plastic recycling facility near Moss Vale, NSW. While I acknowledge the importance of recycling and reducing plastic waste, there are several critical issues associated with this proposal that make its location in Moss Vale highly unsuitable.

1. Credibility of the Owners: The credibility of Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd's owners raises significant concerns.

2. Environmental Impacts on the Local Community: The proposed facility poses substantial environmental risks to the local community. Potential emissions, including airborne and waterborne pollutants, could have detrimental effects on the health and well-being of residents, as well as on the local flora and fauna. The long-term environmental consequences are particularly concerning given Moss Vale's unique natural beauty and biodiversity.

3. Newness of Plastic Recycling Technology: The technology used for plastic recycling is still relatively new and continuously evolving. This presents additional risks, as unforeseen complications or failures in the recycling process could result in significant environmental damage. The community should not serve as a testing ground for unproven technologies.

4. Proximity to Local Waterways: Moss Vale is situated near several vulnerable waterways that are prone to flooding. Any accidental discharge of waste from the facility into these waterways could lead to contamination, posing serious health risks to both humans and wildlife. Moreover, flooding of local river systems, which the region has experienced multiples times in recent years, exacerbate the likelihood and risk associated with the spread of pollutants, causing widespread ecological disruption.

5. Lack of Transparency Around Chemical Use: There is a concerning lack of transparency regarding the specific chemicals and processes that will be used in the recycling operations. Without clear information on these aspects, it is impossible for the community to accurately assess the potential risks and impacts. Transparency is essential to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and the environment.

In light of these significant concerns, I urge the NSW Independent Planning Commission to reconsider the approval of the Plasrefine proposal in the Southern Highlands. A thorough environmental and community impact assessment should be conducted, and alternative locations should be explored that do not pose such high risks to the local community and environment.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust that the Commission will make a decision that prioritises the health, safety, and well-being of the Southern Highlands community.

Yours sincerely,