



GORDON BOYD

OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Visual impacts, design and landscaping, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
Location: New South Wales 2577	
Attachment: N/A	

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I object to the proposed Plasrefine plastics recycling centre at Moss Vale as it is too close to numerous existing important facilities and will have a detrimental impact on :

- Moss Vale residential areas, which are 200 metres away, and the thriving Moss Vale town centre
- Schools and childcare centres within 2 kilometres
- Garvan Institute : Australian BioResearch facility
- The Georgian village of Berrima which was the 2021 Small Village Australian Tourism award winner
- Numerous vineyards and agri tourism facilities
- Riparian zones some 10 metres either side of the facility
- Streams that feed into the Wingecarribee River , and hence the Warragamba dam, impacting local, Sydney & Goulburn water supplies
- Habitat for endangered species (platypus & microbat) with biodiversity loss of swampland, eucalypt forests impacting koalas, kangaroos, numerous birds, insect and reptiles

The reasons for the unsuitability of the project in Moss Vale are :

- Lack of a suitable buffer zone protecting the important facilities listed above
- Chemicals in plastics are potent environmental pollutants, and pose a direct threat to human, animal and environmental life forms when they are discharged from manufacturing & recycling premises
- Extreme toxic fire risk as plastic waste fires are extremely hot, they are detrimental to all life forms, and require fire fighting facilities which do not exist in the Southern Highlands
- Increased heavy vehicle and lighter vehicle traffic impacting on local and regional population, wildlife and roads
- Potential serious health and environmental impact of air and water pollution from the stacks or vents from the air and water filtration systems
- Plastic recycling facilities are usually classified as heavy industrial, due to high risk and impact on air and water pollution
- The Southern Highlands Innovation Park precinct is an area for biotech, research and light industry, and it should not be an area for heavy polluting plastic recycling
- The risk of further PFAS contamination to water supplies is not acceptable and contrary to stated government proposals
- The extremely detrimental impact this facility will have on the vital tourism industry of the Southern Highlands
- Psychological impact and property devaluation as result of a highly visible, large structure



- It is a basic human right to have access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; a right that this facility will put at extreme risk

- THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT SITE FOR THIS FACILITY
