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OBJECT

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Location: New South Wales 2550	
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I am a former resident of the Southern Highlands and still visit the area frequently. I am also a former employee of Australian BioResources, which adjoins the proposed site for this facility, so I object to this project due to the risk it poses to the employment of my former colleagues and the millions of dollars worth of infrastructure and resources that are highly valuable to the medical research industry.

Whilst I am not opposed to plastics recycling, I believe that this is not a suitable site for this project. It is far too close to houses, schools, and sensitive businesses. The number and frequency of trucks visiting the proposed facility will be disruptive to traffic flow and create unnecessary noise pollution and wear and tear on local roads. Being in the Sydney Water catchment area this development potentially risks contaminating Sydney's water supply. The scale of the proposal would see a large and unattractive blight on the landscape that surrounds Moss Vale.

The Southern Highlands relies heavily on tourism for local businesses and families to survive. The collection of towns separated by green spaces, and the National Parks, reserves and farming landscapes make the area an important destination for short stays from Sydney or Canberra. International visitors also frequent the Southern Highlands as an easy to get to destination where they can experience the Australian countryside. Installing a massive facility on the outskirts of a residential area will reduce visual amenity and detract from the surrounding landscape. The potential for air, water and noise pollution from this facility cannot be discounted either. The 'job creation' argument of this proposal cannot compete with the number of jobs this development will put at risk should it go ahead at this site.

The proponents of this development are inexperienced in plastics recycling and I view this as a significant risk factor in this proposal. Due to this inexperience, any assurances made by the proponents regarding the safety and specifics of operating the facility should be viewed with skepticism. I urge the IPC to reconsider the approval of the facility at this site and suggest that Plasrefine search for a more suitable location for their facility.

I say NO to Plasrefine! This is not the right site for this facility.
