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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed PlasRefine plastic recycling facility in Moss Vale. While I acknowledge the importance of recycling initiatives, this particular development is fundamentally incompatible with our region's character, environment, and community values.

Location and Scale

The proposed 7.7-hectare site, situated less than 250 metres from residential areas and farmland, is entirely inappropriate for an industrial facility of this magnitude. With a development footprint of 6 hectares and building footprint of 3.24 hectares, including structures up to five storeys tall, this project would dramatically alter the rural landscape of Moss Vale. The sheer scale of the operation is incongruous with our community's vision for sustainable, sympathetic development.

Traffic and Safety Concerns

The projected increase in traffic is alarming. Up to 100 large truck movements daily - equating to one every seven minutes - along with 280 light truck and staff vehicle movements, would place an enormous strain on our local road infrastructure. This surge in heavy vehicle traffic raises serious concerns about noise pollution, road congestion, and most critically, the safety of local residents and other road users.

Environmental Risks

Situated within Sydney's drinking water catchment, this facility poses significant environmental risks. The potential for plastic particle pollution and other contaminants to enter our waterways is a grave concern, threatening not only local ecosystems but also the quality of drinking water for millions of people. The proximity to sensitive environmental areas, including koala habitats, further underscores the unsuitability of this location.

Community Impact

The proposed facility threatens to erode the very qualities that make the Southern Highlands special. Our region is renowned for its natural beauty, rural charm, and thriving tourism industry. An industrial-scale plastic recycling plant operating 24/7 is fundamentally at odds with this character. Moreover, the development conflicts with the carefully considered objectives of the Southern Highlands Innovation Park master plan.

Conclusion

While plastic recycling is undoubtedly important, the location and scale of this proposed facility are deeply problematic. The potential negative impacts on our environment, community well-being, and regional identity far outweigh any perceived benefits.

I urge the Independent Planning Commission to reject this proposal and protect the unique character and environmental integrity of the Southern Highlands. Our community deserves development that aligns with our values and vision for the future, not an industrial behemoth that threatens to forever alter the landscape we call home.



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Thank you for your consideration of these crucial concerns.
