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*I object to the proposed development of the Plasrefine Recycling plant and would like to have the following noted and taken into account:*

*Firstly, the proposal to build this plastics recycling plant at Moss Vale will effect the health and enjoyment of Southern Highlands residents. It is not the right development for that site.*

*To propose that the effects of the air quality can be reduced by spending less time outdoors is abhorrent. Numerous articles and documents have been produced by reputable organisations to confirm that being outdoors/needng clean air improves mental health - please refer to the small sample of references below:*

*The Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association which lists the benefits of being outdoors and states that it reduces stress and depression and boosts physical health too by reducing the risk of heart disease and diabetes;*

*The Mayo Clinic which also supports the benefits of being outdoors and states that it improves mood, cognition and memory while lowering anxiety;*

*The Live Wellness Center which states that being outside is a natural way to regulate your mood, reduce stress and make you feel better;*

*The beyondtheclassroom.com.au website which outlines the positive effects of fresh air on mental health and states that it reduces stress and anxiety and improves mental health overall while increasing vitality and energy;*

*The US National Library of Medicine’s website which also supports the benefits of clean air and states that observational evidence has implicated outdoor air pollutants as risk factors for a variety of mental health problems, including, depression, anxiety, personality disorders and schizophrenia;*

*The NSW state government/NSW Planning website which states that connecting with nature and being outdoors improves mental health and we need to connect with nature more for respite, resilience and recovery;*

*The federal government’s Australian Institute of Health and Welfare states that air pollution can have long and short-term adverse effects on human health and can affect almost very organ in the human body; air pollution is recognised as a serious risk factor by the World Health Organisation; air pollution can also increase the health impacts of infectious and other respiratory diseases; and people with underlying health conditions such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or cardiovascular disease are particularly at risk from poor air quality.*

*How will the nsw state government/nsw planning be compensating residents for the adverse impacts on their physical and mental health? Have they considered that adults and children should be spending more time outdoors and not indoors?*

*Secondly, water is a very limited and valuable resource that should not be wasted or have its quality put at risk. The Wingecarribee River is a catchment area for Sydney’s water via Warragamba Dam - as the water will now*



*be polluted from this proposed development, what strategies does the nsw government/nsw planning have in place to source this limited resource from another site?*

*Thirdly, the proposed development does not fit in with neighbouring properties and would be a detrimental addition to the area. Naturally, it will affect property valuations so how will the nsw government/nsw planning be compensating homeowners for the reduction in property values?*

*Fourthly, the traffic congestion and impact on our roads from this proposed development will be unreasonable and not in line with the expected traffic in the area.*

*I am not against development but I am against inappropriate development which is exactly what this is. Not only will it be a visual eyesore, but it will have so many adverse effects on residents (and visitors) to the Southern Highlands that it would be unjust, unreasonable and unethical for this proposed development to go ahead.*

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