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The plan to build the second largest plastics recycling plant in Australia on this site makes no sense at all. Australia needs a facility to recycle plastics but to propose building it on the proposed site leaves me wondering what has motivated such a decision.

The only conclusion I can draw which makes any sense is that the decision makers are incompetent or corrupt, or both incompetent and corrupt.

Choosing a site for a high fire risk industrial complex of this size in a designated bush fire risk area which only has an unmanned volunteer fire service, does not make any sense.

Other existing plastic recycling plants have buffer zones to protect residential properties of seven kilometers and two kilometers, this proposed site has a buffer zone of 200 meters.

In the case of a fire, experience gained from other fires in smaller plastics recycling facilities has shown that they have burnt for days. A fire in the Plasrefine complex would require the evacuation of residents for days. Although there are plans for water to be retained on site, it would not be possible to contain the pollution of the area from toxic fumes and smoke. This pollution would then be able to enter the water supply of the Southern Highlands and Goulburn, and would create an environmental disaster for the Sydney water supply.

The Human Rights (Healthy Environment) Amendment Bill 2023, obliges the government to protect its citizens against harm and ensures they have a healthy and non-toxic environment. My understanding is that this has not been enacted in New South Wales but there is an expectation that all states will follow with similar legislation. This is a basic human right which the proposed Plasrefine project does not meet. In giving approval for this project, the New South Wales Government is neglecting its duty to protect its citizens.