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Dear Commissioners,

i am writing as I object to the Recycling Factory planned for Moss Vale NSW. In reviewing the plan & conditions I believe these are unclear, lacking in adequate detail to inform the community and the detail that is provided indicate that there are many likely negative consequences to my community.

The social impact report from urban ethos does not appear up to date with current community and I do not believe it has adequately surveyed, interacted, and examined the likely negative impact on the local economy of tourism and agribusiness. Many of our community that have arrived or stayed due to the clean leaving and healthy environment are indicating they will leave the area rather than risk consequences of fire, toxic air, polluted flood waters, negative business impacts, reduced enjoyment of the local area.

Visually the design on the rolling hills when change the landscape significantly. There should be an adequate protective barrier between such a toxic and hazardous factory however the small site size has not provided for this.

The approved project is not compatible with the surrounding hobby farms, mouse breeding facility and high tech low toxicity precinct planned for the sensitive development of Moss Vale.

There is a significant concern that tank water will become undrinkable in surrounding properties that rely on this water source. In rain events the run off could pollute the local and further afield drinking water. The chemicals and toxic waste is not compatible with the agriculture in the district.

The small country roads surrounding the site have not been designed for 24 hour heavy truck traffic and the neighbourhood is at odds to this type of traffic. The community is concerned there is no way to police amount, direction and volume of "planned" traffic and the community has suffered terrible sub quality roads for years across the district. Each time there is rain the roads deteriorate and a plethora of pot holes need to be dodged. Drive past the hospital in Bowral and you will see.

A significant concern of mine is that recycling such as planned for Moss Vale is now understood as increasing environmental pollution through a variety of mechanisms, the chemical products used in the factory, the waste water, the air pollution, the plastic break down, and is seen as old technology. It doesn't make sense to build such a massive factory based on old technology. This old technology is part of what has caused so much trouble in overseas environments.

Our community has lived through the 2019 bushfire disaster and the lack of attention to bushfire zones and fire responses is also very concerning. With wind gusts that get incredibly fierce and prolonged we know how far smoke travels and how thick smoke can be. The planned develop is a huge fire risk sitting in a bush fire zone (see bush fire zone website) in area without a manned fire station. How will the NSW government feel with a fast tracked approval that takes the lives of people.

I am concerned that the Southern Highlands a prime tourism destination will die. No one will be living here to provide services and it will become a recycling plant ghost town disaster with polluted water ways and dead animals. Families will leave, nursing homes will have no staff to care for the residents.



The social impacts need to consider this area already has a workforce shortage of lawyers, doctors and vets and the problem will increase as more people leave the area and the social infrastructure breaks down.

As you may be aware people young and old including councillors and business leaders are outraged at the approval of this hazardous 24 hour facility so close and with complete disregard to our treasured ABR (the Mouse House) , the neighbours (referred to as "receivers" by the developers) and the entire community of residents and businesses.

It is a poor reflection of processes that the approval occurred with so little detail and so many omissions and errors and that a community has been left to study, develop a new skill set, give up their time and resources, argue and debate for a proposal that is clearly at odds with the location and community.

Plasrefine has not treated the Southern Highlands respectfully in the planning process and this will impact all future relationships. The commissioners should consider that this rupture in the relationship has already created a lack of care for local community and impacts.

Thank-you for reading my concerns about the plasrefine plastic factory in Moss Vale NSW and why it will have devastating impacts on the Southern Highlands community from Bundanoon to Robertson, Berrima and Mittagong. We are all connected !

Kind regards,


