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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed construction of the PlasRefine Plastic Recycling Facility near Moss Vale. While I support initiatives to enhance recycling and reduce landfill waste, the scale and location of this project are fundamentally unsuitable and pose significant risks to the Southern Highlands community and environment.

Key Concerns

1. Inappropriate Location and Scale

The proposed facility is alarmingly close to residential properties and farmland, with its 7.7-hectare site less than 250 metres from homes. The development's industrial nature, including two massive buildings (one equivalent to a five-storey structure), is wholly incompatible with the rural character and charm of Moss Vale. Additionally, the construction of a 1,050-metre-long access road through this area further exacerbates its environmental and community impact.

2. Traffic and Safety Issues

The project estimates up to 100 large truck movements per day—equivalent to one every seven minutes—alongside 280 light trucks and staff vehicles. This volume of traffic is unsustainable for local roads, raising concerns about increased noise, congestion, and road safety hazards, particularly for families and residents in the vicinity.

3. Environmental Risks

The proposed site is situated within Sydney's drinking water catchment, a critical and sensitive environmental area. The risks of plastic particle pollution, chemical runoff, and contamination of the water supply are too great to ignore. These risks extend to the region's wildlife, ecosystems, and public health, potentially creating long-term damage that cannot be easily remedied.

4. Community and Tourism Impact

The industrial-scale nature of this project is incompatible with the Southern Highlands' identity as a hub for natural beauty, rural living, and tourism. The facility risks eroding the area's appeal, negatively impacting local businesses, tourism operators, and the wider community. Furthermore, the project conflicts with the Southern Highlands Innovation Park master plan, which prioritizes sustainable and community-oriented development.

Conclusion

While I commend efforts to address Australia's plastic waste crisis, the PlasRefine proposal is fundamentally flawed in its location and scale. Recycling infrastructure is crucial, but this project's risks far outweigh its benefits. I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and consider alternative locations that do not jeopardize the health, safety, and character of the Southern Highlands.

Sincerely,