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OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Visual impacts, design and landscaping, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
Location: New South Wales 2576	
Attachment: N/A	

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As a resident of the Southern Highlands, a quiet group of country villages, I am very concerned about the risks this facility will impose on the local community. Such a development would change the heritage of the area, and once built, would open the doors for other heavy industry development.

I object to the proposed Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility on the following grounds:

1. Site Location

The proposed location for the facility:

- *is too close to residential properties which impacts safe transport, noise and the quiet enjoyment of the area*
- *is too close to schools and a childcare centre*
- *lacks appropriate transport infrastructure*
- *imposes an unacceptable high-risk from fire and toxic fumes should there be an accident*
- *would change the appeal of the Southern Highlands as a residential and holiday destination*
- *Once approved, would attract more heavy industry to the area*

2. Fire and Toxic Fumes

In the event of a fire, I understand that Plasrefine proposes to use local crews at Moss Vale, Bowral and Mittagong. It is not clear whether these assets would be sufficient to manage either the fire or the toxic fumes produced by the fire. Given the proximity to local housing and schools, this poses an unacceptable risk to property and health.

3. Operating risks

Plasrefine Recycling is a company that has no operating history in Australia. It is not clear who the operators of the site will be and whether the operators of the site are appropriately qualified and experienced.

4. Transport

I understand that the facility is projected to process 120,000 tonnes of plastics per year. While a heavy transport route has been proposed (through the village of New Berrima), there is no guarantee that heavy vehicles in the future will NOT go through the townships of Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale. Transport companies will take the best route that suits them, not what is best for the local community. Roads are already at full capacity in the region, and any further increase in traffic will impact safety, congestion, noise and other pollution for the area.

While recycling is important, any facility for processing of plastics should be located in an industrial area which is away from residential areas and schools, and which has the ability to provide all the infrastructure required, away from residents' quiet enjoyment of their property.



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*For the sake of our future prosperity, health and safety, I submit that this development in Moss Vale should
NOT BE APPROVED.*
