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*I find myself VERY deeply concerned that this facility is being considered for this site.*

*Our roads are already struggling to cope with local traffic. It is very difficult to get through the main part of town as it is, without adding large trucks to this. Not to mention that existing parking already makes the streets narrow (and the local businesses cannot afford for the parking to be removed as a solution) and large vehicles make the journey more hazardous.*

*It is a known fact that large scale factories/facilities generate pollution, no matter how careful the designers/builders and owners are. This would have a huge impact to local residents and children in the schools and daycares in the area. Air quality would be affected (and there are residents who moved here to be away from the city areas that make breathing with asthma and other medical conditions even harder). It would potentially destroy local wildlife habitats, including those of the platypus known to reside in the river. This impact would not be a purely local impact either, given the critical role the area plays in the Sydney Water Catchment. This could mean hundreds of thousands impacted by contamination of drinking water. We are now painfully aware of the hazards of toxins that were in common use in the past (such as asbestos, uranium, and thalidomide). We are not yet fully aware of the impacts we might suffer through microplastics. A community full of people is not the place to experiment and learn from considered on its own, let alone considering how many people's drinking water could be contaminated, even if the facility were to be a perfect example of environmental safety.*

*Our hospital, the ONLY one within at least an hour radius by road, is already overstretched, under staffed and under resourced. This could then mean the loss of life when patients affected by air/water pollution cannot be seen fast enough. This is not what we want for anyone in our community, especially our children. Any specialist/critical care treatment means being sent to one of the VERY few trauma specialty hospitals, ALL in the greater Sydney area. Should anything go wrong for those trying to build, or working in this facility (should it go ahead), there is a very limited chance they could receive critical care in time to make a difference to their survival.*

*Then there is the fire risk to consider. The area does not have a single fire station that is manned 24 hours a day. Every firefighter and member of the SES in the area is a volunteer. We do not have the resources to deal with a fire, should one break out. The broader Shire area is also prone to bushfires, with a significant problem for the local tip (Resource Recovery Centre) in the last bushfire season. This creates an additional risk to the facility itself, as well as to the surrounding community.*

*There is little to no benefit to the community in having this facility in this location, as it will not generate local jobs (automation, per developers information) and it actively discourages many business from choosing the area. The area relies heavily on tourism funding. How ill that occur when air and water pollution has destroyed the homes and gardens that people come to see? The area potentially impacted, especially along the river, is of significance to both the Gundungara people, and to "colonial" history as well.*

*Personally, I am a local, having lived here for three decades, since I was a young child. This is my home, a place I choose to be because I can breathe fresh air, enjoy connecting with nature and manage a complex medical condition, due to the quality of the air and water. I do not want loose this special place to a factory that could*



*be built elsewhere, where it will not destroy the quality of life of so many people. I do not want to have a body made up of microplastics.*

*I have taught in schools where students have had to remain indoors when there are fires about due to asthma. I dread to even imagine the social and developmental impacts it would have, should this become their normal, as pollution is pumped into the air by a factory that does not have to be built in people's backyards.*

*I cannot fathom why there is consideration of such a facility in an area that could be used for homes during a housing "crisis"!*

*Please, reconsider the application for this area. Moss Vale is not the right site for this facility.*

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