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Dear Members of the Independent Planning Commission,

I am writing to you as a deeply concerned resident of Moss Vale and a nurse at our local hospital, compelled to voice my passionate opposition to the proposed Plasrefine plastic recycling facility. This project not only threatens our community's health but also jeopardizes the future of our children and the natural beauty of our beloved Southern Highlands.

As a parent, I am appalled that a facility capable of processing 120,000 tonnes of plastic waste each year could even be considered for a location so close to our homes and schools. What kind of message are we sending to our children if we allow a company with a history of toxic pollution to set up shop in our neighborhood? This is not just a planning issue; it's a moral one. We have a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our families, and the thought of exposing them to potential dangers from forever chemicals and other pollutants is simply unacceptable.

Every day, I witness the dedication of our healthcare professionals as we strive to provide care in an already overburdened hospital. We cannot afford to add the strain of a toxic facility nearby. The additional health risks will not only overwhelm our hospital's capacity but also compromise the safety of our community. As parents, we want to feel secure in the environment we provide for our children an environment where they can play, learn, and thrive without fear of harm.

Moreover, it is disheartening to see such a project considered when there are ample locations further away from our cherished villages. Why place this burden on us, in the heart of our community, when there are more suitable sites? Our region is not just a collection of houses; it is a vibrant community known for its stunning landscapes, thriving wineries, and peaceful atmosphere. Allowing this facility to be built here would tarnish that legacy and diminish our quality of life.

We must advocate for a future that prioritizes health, safety, and the natural beauty of our environment. I urge you to listen to the voices of parents and residents who are rightfully concerned about the direction this project could take us. Our children deserve a community free from the threats of toxic pollution a community where they can grow and flourish.

I implore you to reject the Plasrefine proposal and stand with us in protecting our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Roberts