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Submission about the selection of the site for the Plasrefine proposal:

Quite simply, an enormous deluge of words, thoughts, arguments and anger have been directed through the hundreds, over a thousand now, of representations against the proposed facility at Moss Vale.

Many, most, have argued with combinations of the same negative factors. It isn't necessary or intended here to repeat or list these here. Of all the elements, the question of the site is a chillingly common thread.

The community - the electors - are remarkably united. The State though its Independent Planning Commission is mistaken if it believes these electors can be persuaded from their views, so often and so emphatically stated.

A solution lies in the site.

Instead of extending expenditure of the lengthening hearing process, the State in the form of the IPC, the Local Government department, the relevant ministers, the Cabinet, the Council - any or all - and others - must be tasked with researching, identifying and securing a site that is really suitable.

In the words of one submission, it must be away from population (and from all vulnerable existing facilities) and must be in an existing sterile environment. Australia and New South Wales are large areas and such a location can be found, even with the necessary transport services.

The Applicant's ties with the Moss Vale site can and must be renegotiated and the site must be replaced, exchanged, by a different one without the unacceptable community risks of the Moss Vale site.

It is salutary that among all of the submissions, no representer has argued against the need for a facility such as proposed by the Applicant, only against the Moss Vale site.

The focus of the present enquiry "and of the NSW Government - must be redirected to identifying a suitable site.

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