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OBJECT

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24th November, 2024

Attention: Independent Planning Commission

Re: Plasrefine Proposal

I am writing today to object to the proposed Plasrefine project being proposed for the Beaconsfield Rd site in Moss Vale.

Eight years ago my husband and I moved to the area from the Central Western District, to be closer to our grandkids. We purchased 150 acres 11km east of Moss Vale, with 2 permanent creeks and a gully running through the property, these waterways were, as we discovered the headwaters of Bundanoon Creek, which is the starting point of Sydney's water catchment in this immediate area.

During our years on a larger property in the Central West we had, over time excluded grazing animals from our creek areas and seen the difference this made to the landscape. After contact with our local LLS (Local Land Service) we were informed that Water NSW was keen to assist in this project, which they did.

In the years since we completed this project the improvement to the clarity of the water is significant. Under the contractual conditions for the financial support from the LLS (and WaterNSW) the LLS inspected the works after 5 years to ensure the desired results had been achieved . The LLS then conducted a workshop on our property to enable other landholders to walk the creeks and see for themselves the environmental improvement in the riparian zones and the improvement in water quality leaving our property . Muddy water in, clean water out.

By completing this project on all our waterways we also complied with Water NSW **NorBE** (neutral or beneficial effect on water quality) requirement.

Any business or rural property within this Sydney Water Catchment is required to comply, as you would well know and it is difficult to see how Plasrefine has any chance of containing micro particles either within the water they use, the stormwater, which after any significant storms, water will most likely (as we have seen on our property) flow into the Sydney water catchment.

On reading the Development Consent conditions, it would appear to me that it is impossible to insert additional conditions to guarantee compliance with **NorBE**. It is just not feasible for a this type of industry to operate in such close proximity to residential areas, plus two riparian zones ultimately running into Wingecarribee River and maintain compliance.

I have a relative who has worked for many, many years in the waste management industry and they were shocked that a plastic re-cycling plant would be proposed so close to residential areas and schools as they said “You always see plenty of micro plastic waste blowing around in the wind and in the puddles, it’s everywhere”.

It is seriously a pipe dream on behalf of the proponent of this project that they can manage the micro plastics in both the air and water and to comply with **NorBE**.

The risks to Sydney’s water catchment appear to be significant if this project goes ahead under the Development Consent conditions as they stand. There is little detail given in the Development Consent or in any of the material provided by the proponent and their consulting firm.

The “short sighted” view of the State Government in allowing this project to get to this stage beggars believe. It doesn’t take much observation to see the amount of housing development heading south from Sydney with the Hume Highway being an existing corridor and one of the few relatively “easy” access areas, given the flooding issues in western Sydney, the difficulty of access towards the Blue Mountains and the already heavily populated areas north of Sydney. Why would you approve this type of development an hour and half from Sydney, metres from homes, in an area with an expending population

I urge the IPC to adopt “The Precautionary Principle” with this project and Rule against this development.

This is simply not the right site.

Yours sincerely

Anne Burns
Resident