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**OBJECT**

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
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## **Submission Against the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility (Plasrefine)**

Having made a submission against the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility when the Department of Planning called for comment, I was dismayed to see their approval with very little in the way of conditions, leaving it to the Independent Planning Commission to decide a way forward.

The proposal from the company, Plasrefine, was light on detail in all aspects. There was no business plan or details of machinery or the chemical process to be used, or the chemicals themselves. This alone alarmed me as the Wingecarribee Shire is part of Sydney's water catchment area.

Having farmed in the area with my late husband for over 30 years between 1985 and 2017, I could scarcely believe the Department had not, at the very least, imposed the sort of restrictions farmers encounter every day in terms of safeguarding waterways and riparian zones. As the recent findings about the use of PFAS and its effect on the environment and waterways have come to light, surely a stricter evaluation of this facility and the chemicals it will use should be top of the list. There is also the issue of micro-plastics entering the air and waterways.

The State Government had provided a grant of \$250,000 to the Wingecarribee Shire Council to formulate a plan for the land in the area where the plastics recycling facility wish to locate their plant. The final plan – Southern Highlands Innovation Park or SHIP – is not a proposal for heavy industrial in the area. So, it seems odd that having supplied the funds to prepare a plan, the government, via the Department of Planning, would now seem to seek to overturn the strategy the Council prefers.

I'm sure that if a coal mine were proposed for the site, heavier scrutiny would be applied, but the mention of the word "recycling" seems to have almost automatically greenlit the project.

The site is far too close to residential streets and a childcare facility and the truck movements throughout the neighbourhood would overload our already badly maintained roads which are, in any case, unsuitable for heavy vehicle movements.

There are surely better sites for such a facility that don't threaten water catchments and residential areas with adverse impacts.

I urge the Independents Planning Commission to reject this development in our area as being totally unsuitable for the site.

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