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OBJECT

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Location: New South Wales 2577	
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As a resident living 520 metres away from the proposed site with my husband and children, I believe this project poses unacceptable risks that could irreversibly harm our community, environment, and local ecosystems.

Health Concerns

The Plasrefine project has the potential to emit hazardous air pollutants, including fine particulate matter, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and other toxic substances. Exposure to these pollutants is linked to respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, and other serious health conditions. The proximity of the proposed facility to residential areas raises concerns about long-term health risks for local residents, including vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

Additionally, the project could contribute to water contamination through improper handling or accidental spillage of by-products, endangering the quality of drinking water and increasing public health risks.

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We cannot be expected to simply limit time spent outdoors. That is not an acceptable solution.

I am concerned about the very young children attending the local day care centre and the risk to their health.

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Fire Risks

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The Southern Highlands is a beautiful and unique area home to Australian wildlife due to its proximity to bushland. The proximity to bushland increases the risk and burden on emergency services in the event of a fire. The Southern Highlands saw major bushfires in the summer of 2019-2020. This area does not offer sufficient emergency services to meet the increased risk introduced by this project.

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intact ecosystems for survival. Any disruption could lead to biodiversity loss and a decline in species populations.

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Social Impact Issues

The project risks negatively impacting the local community's quality of life. Concerns include increased noise, traffic, and industrial activity, which could reduce property values and create a less desirable living environment. Local tourism and recreation opportunities, which depend on the region's natural beauty, may also be adversely affected.

Moreover, the long-term viability of the Plasrefine facility and its economic benefits remain uncertain, raising the possibility of future financial burdens on the community to manage or remediate any environmental damage caused by the project.

Conclusion

I urge the NSW Independent Planning Commission to carefully consider the significant risks associated with the Plasrefine project. The potential health, environmental, and social harms far outweigh any purported benefits. Our community deserves sustainable development projects that prioritise public health, environmental integrity, and social well-being.

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The Chairperson
NSW Independent Planning Commission

Submitted via Online Portal

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