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OBJECT

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Like many people I chose to live in the majestic Southern Highlands for its beautiful surrounds, outdoor activities and fresh air and now I'm told what looms large on the horizon will be pervasive pollution and an even deeper sense of encroachment. This unequivocally is NOT the right site. This deeply concerning and flawed proposal has created significant trauma and fear for residents living in the region and continues to do so - from the lack of genuine community consultation and transparency around processes to the blatant disregard for community members who are expected to live alongside this monstrous recycling facility, exposed on a daily basis to the brunt of its pollutants and disrupting their lives.

Equally disturbing are reports of Moss Vale residents receiving communication from GHD on the behalf of Plasrefine informing them that people living near the site would be able to manage their exposure to air quality impacts by minimising time spent outdoors, is simply too low for the totem pole. This shameless disregard of our local community demonstrates why now more than ever we must come together collectively to voice a resounding NO to this highly inappropriate proposal.

The Moss Vale Plasrefine plastic recycling plant proposal is unacceptable on so many levels, it's completely unsympathetic to the rural surroundings, in fact it's a blight on the landscape. The negative and potentially permanent impacts are devastating for our local community and wider environment - and there are too many to ignore including relentless 24 hour operation, noise, vibration, light, increased traffic: 380 vehicles per day including a 100 truck movements of heavy semi-trailers, pollution of land and waterways, loss of amenity and human and animal and wildlife in the event of a fire - which we would be ill-equipped to manage. We simply do not have adequate infrastructure and resources to support the day-to-day operation of this facility. It is the wrong location.

I remain utterly unconvinced that the proposed Plasrefine recycling facility poses no risk to the health and wellbeing and safety of the Southern Highland's community and our local environment and beyond. Given that compliance and mitigation of risk cannot be assured, the potential for risk remains too great.

The proposed location of this plant is unique but not in a good way, no other facility in Australia is built within a 1 kilometre buffer zone of residential areas, in close proximity to child care centres, homes, schools and grazing land - providing little or no safeguard. It is for the reasons outlined above that I strongly object to the proposed plastics recycling facility.

Please do not leave this community hanging mid-air, now is the time to set real and long lasting boundaries and to be clear on our stance on this critical community issue. Prevention as they say is better than cure.

The safety and wellbeing of community members is paramount and must come first time. It is everybody's business to say NO to this proposal, as Oprah often states 'No is a complete sentence'. I could not agree more.