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To the members of the independent Planning Committee representing the IPC for the case of Plasrefine Plastics recycling facility:

I write to oppose the build of this facility. It is simply not the right site for a facility of this type and size. This facility is better suited to heaving industrial areas where infrastructure supports the operations, such as Port Kembla or Ingleburn which has drainage, power, water and road infrastructure to support the huge volume of tracks to enter the facility.

The reasons I oppose this facility are listed below:

We are a neighbouring property to which this facility will affect our way of life. We have moved to this area to invest in our futures. My mother and myself sold our individual properties to be able to invest in buying the property we now own; this was also to be a retirement plan for myself and assist me with caring for my mother as she has done for many others in her life. If this facility is built, it will devalue all the surrounding residential lands around it and thus my future will become uncertain, this causes us so much anxiety knowing that I will have to move away from my support network to be able to care for myself and Mum.

The other reason we moved to this area was for me to be able to have my beloved ponies and continuing breeding quality horses for the show ring. Plasrefine's representatives GHD, have been quoted as saying that neighbouring properties should limit their outdoor exposure on days where air quality is compromised. That is impossible when I have valuable livestock to care for twice a day at a minimum and will compromise their health.

Air quality will affect residents of the Wingecaribee that are on the path of the prevailing Westerly winds (this was evident in the A Current Affair program, the wind was blowing it's usual path, from the west.

Water quality will be affected by this facility as the topography is not elevated, it is in a riparian zone and I can personally assure the water from our property runs down into the catchment area that is the Plasrefine site!!!

The water that is in the catchment zone then onflows to the Wingecaribee river and on towards Warragamba. GHD responds with, there is already micro-plastics in the water, the limited amount that will escape the facility should not be cause for concern "really?? I am concerned about what I drink now "I prefer to drink boiled water and the Wingecaribee has been listed as some of the best drinking water in the State.

There are many animals that live in this catchment area; I have personally seen turtles in the paddocks heading down toward the site, there are kangaroos, foxes, kookaburras, black and white cockatoos that feed in that area. Experts have reported the current threat to platypus populations in the Wingecaribee river now and this facility will not aid their existence.

If this facility is built, there will be virtually no buffer zone between residential and the factory, we will be affected by the noise, lights, smell, air quality 24hrs a day each day of the year. It will be an abominable eyesore stuck in the middle of a paddock that is less than 500 meters from our back fence. And no, I dont want to plant more trees than I have as I have to maintain them and I already have plenty of maintenance of my own choosing, not to mention the cost to plant trees.



The road networks in the surrounding area are not suitable for large trucks, semis or b-doubles. There are trucks that already utilise the New Berrima corridor and the road structure does not cope now. The traffic will increase in the area as a result, I do not want to be restricted in entering and exiting my street, nor will I be able to use the local roads to walk with my horses. The children that also ride their ponies on the roads will not be safe to do so. Many also walk their dogs in the streets surrounding to proposal as it is a lovely area to walk and is safe, currently.

the world class Garvan Institute will be affected to the point of halting their research, what a disaster for the World, not just the area.

Thank you for reading this far.

Kind regards,

Jane and Davena Butcher