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OBJECT

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I am alarmed that the Plasrefine Proposal has reached its current stage. It is a proposal that has virtually non-existent support in the local community. It has no support because the proponents have failed to address the concerns that have been raised by people across the region.

Nobody wants air pollution, noise pollution and water pollution being generated on such a vast scale next to so many homes, schools, child care facilities, recreation facilities and residences.

The scale of this operation is not appropriate for the proposed location.

And judging by their inability to address environmental concerns, the proponents have demonstrated that they are not suitably qualified, or have the necessary experience, to establish and operate this kind of venture. The Independent Planning Commission needs to ask whether a responsible operator would really suggest that people simply stay indoors as a way of dealing with the air pollution created by their facility.

And in addition to not taking any responsibility for the 'market externalities' of the refining process itself, tonnes of waste products being moved through Moss Vale for processing will create air pollution, noise pollution, greater carbon dioxide emissions, road damage and further degrade the local ecosystem through the disposal of waste water into that system.

And where will all this water end up? That's right, in the water supply for the Greater Sydney Region. If this proposal is approved, it won't just be the operators of Plasrefine who have to put their hands up for the damage done. It will be also those who facilitated this damage.

The proposal under consideration will increase pollution and the site under consideration is so unsuited to heavy industry that it makes the proposal totally inappropriate. On the basis of location and access alone, the proposal should be turned down.

In its current form, Plasrefine would be a huge burden for the people of Southern Highlands, particularly Moss Vale, Berrima and Burradoo and a threat to the health of the millions of people in Sydney who rely on clean water pumped in from the Southern Highlands.
