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OBJECT

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In approving the Plasrefine proposal, the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has identified the key issues as being social, visual, the proximity to the Garvan Institute, and operational traffic impacts.

This is either totally hapless analysis or deflection of the most cynical kind.

Is the Department not aware of:

- *the impact of microplastics on air pollution*
- *the impact of microplastics on the water supply*
- *the fact that millions of people in Sydney use water from the Southern Highlands.*

If the Department had bothered to visit the area and engage with local residents, or even research the issues themselves, they would have identified and prioritised the dangers to the environment posed by the Plasrefine proposal including the gravely adverse affects of micro-plastics being released into the air and, as well, into the water system.

Yes, I know that Plasrefine has advised us to stay indoors on windy days. Just so that the Independent Planning Commission is aware, this is to avoid the adverse effects of the air pollution that Plasrefine will create in Moss Vale and it environs.

In declaring the Plasrefine proposal to be of statewide significance and benefit, the Department has also overlooked the statewide implications that water pollution from Plasrefine would have for the water tables and dams that service the greater Sydney area. Or maybe that's because they think they can be kicked further down the road.

This is not surprising since the Department chose not to demand any details of water usage and its disposal by the proponent. In its rush to approval, these matters were conveniently overlooked.

The Department has failed in its duty to consider the full range of environmental factors and the health of citizens, communities and the businesses operating within these communities.

It has been well said that the standard you walk past is the standard you accept .

If the Independent Planning Commission has any integrity, it will recognise that this is an issue that cannot be sorted out later in the wash as it is clear that Plasrefine must not be 'conditionally' approved.

A more appropriate location for heavy industry is outside a residential area. This is common sense.

Another way of framing it is to ask: How would the members of the Commission feel if a plant of this size and scope, with this attendant level of air, noise and water pollution, was established 100 metres from their homes.

In this case, would members of the Commission not ask whether it was more appropriately located in a non-residential area? And remember, be honest.