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Thank you for taking my submission regarding the proposed Plasrefine development in Moss Vale.

Almost 3 years ago, I submitted an objection to the proposed Plasrefine development to be sited at the end of a quiet suburban street, Beaconsfield Road in Moss Vale. We agreed to have a noise monitor placed on our property in Beaconsfield Road which did happen in Mid-year 2022. We have never heard anything in response to either the noise monitor or the submission.

I submitted my objection in 2022 believing that no one in their right mind would possibly approve this development on this site particularly considering the depth of objection not only from Moss Vale residents but from the entire Southern Highlands community as well as objection from the Wingecarribee Shire Council.

My objections in this submission are the same as my initial submission in 2022 plus a few more following information presented at the community hearings in November 2024. My original concerns about the inappropriateness of this site for this activity were around traffic concerns and the proposal that Beaconsfield Road, a small suburban street containing a pre-school and a primary school be used as the access route for this site. Up to 120 semi-trailers a day carrying up to 120,000 tonnes of plastic waste per annum with over 20 small children walking and riding bikes to and from their schools without any foot paths. They walk and ride on the verge of the road which is hazardous enough but with small volumes of local traffic, not a major concern. I believe that the proposal to use Beaconsfield Road is no longer part of the overall plan but there is no guarantee that this will be policed. It is logical that large haul drivers will use whatever roads reduces their trip time. This would include use of the main street of Moss Vale already choking under heavy daily traffic. The traffic and access issues alone should preclude this development from use of this site for such a large enterprise alone.

Other and more disturbing concerns centre around the size of the development, the toxic nature of the activity, the very close proximity to residential dwellings, the environment impact the development would have on air quality, noise pollution and water contamination. Probably one of the biggest concerns to come out of the public meetings was the threat of a catastrophic fire breaking out in this plant. So large that most of Moss Vale would need to be impossibly evacuated. It was made perfectly clear that this was more than a threat, it is inevitable regardless of any mitigation measures that might be put in place. The toxic nature of such a fire would have long lasting and devastating effects of a large area of the Shire.

Any level of common sense would dictate that this development is simply not suitable for this site. If this development goes ahead, there will be irreparable consequences for the entire region. Any state government that continues with this approval will be smashed by the electors of this district and there will be ongoing affirmative action taken by the community. Such is the level of community disdain at he moment because this is simply not the right site.

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