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I have visited the site of the proposed development and I believe that such a facility should not be built in this area.

The site is too close to residential properties, a day care centre and a school. The risk of fire in a plastics facility is very high and the consequences of a fire would be severe on the local community and the environment.

The site is within the the water catchment area that services Sydney and Goulburn. Microplastics are not only found in all parts of the environment but in animals and in people. It will not be possible to contain either microplastices resulting form the handling of the bulk plastic, the processes used to convert the plastic into pellets or the pellets themselves.

The facility will give no benefit to the local or wider community. The increase in traffic, large volumns of trucks in and out of the site will exacerbate the situation with our roads that are presently in a very poor state with the local council unable to afford to maintain our roads presently.

The Southern Highlands is a popular tourist destination known for its environment, its heritage and climate. The Plasrefine factory with its traffic, size and likely pollution will detract from the desirability of the surrounding areas affecting tourism, property values and peoples rights to a safe and clean environment. Plasfine CEO's statement that if local people are worried about the impact of the factory they should spend less time outdoors should be a potent of the mindset of the company behind this proposal.

According to Plasfines own information a majority of workers at the facory will be sourced form outside the local area and outside of Australia. This will not benefit the people that live and work within our Shire Where will these workes live in an already crowded rental market.

Plastics can only be recycled a couple of times and the recycled plastic will still end up in landfill or burnt. This facility is not a long term or even a short term solution to the problem of our overuse of plastic. Planning authorities should be focusing on the reduction in the use of plastic not in producing more plastic.
