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If the community's views are taken in to account this proposal cannot go ahead.

The environmental impacts will be devastating. Air Pollution: The operation of the facility will release harmful pollutants into the air, including highly toxic and cancer causing volatile organic compounds and fine plastic particles. This poses a significant risk to public health for residents and visitors, particularly to those of us with respiratory conditions. Plasrefine is aware of this as they have responded to community concerns by telling people to stay inside and close doors and windows. This is an unacceptable response anywhere at anytime but the Southern Highlands is a unique and special place. The region includes diverse ecosystems, stunning vistas from ancient rainforests to pristine wilderness, famous for its many beautiful walking trails, bike paths and national parks. Now we are told to close ourselves inside?? It is the wrong site for such a facility.

Water Pollution: There is a huge risk of water contamination from the facility's wastewater and chemical leaks. This will impact local waterways and drinking water all the way to Sydney as the Southern Highlands is part of Sydney water catchment.

Noise Pollution: The facility's machinery and increased truck traffic will generate excessive noise, disturbing the peaceful nature of the Southern Highlands. The traffic congestion in Moss Vale is already a major problem, the increased truck traffic will make this significantly worse, creating a great deal of stress for locals, including safety concerns.

The proposed location is unsuitable as it is far too close to homes, schools and sensitive environmental zones. There are alternative sites such as Port Kembla and solutions to plastic waste management. If built the facility will be redundant in a year or two but the Southern Highland's unique character will be destroyed by an eyesore forever leaching toxic chemicals into the environment. People also come here to enjoy local produce, including fresh fruits and vegetables, gourmet food and renowned cool-climate wineries. The facility cannot be built in an area that grows such a wide variety of produce. The economic impact on the region will be devastating and Moss Vale itself will become a ghost town as many people are already talking about leaving the area. Just walking down the street to shops will make me ill when I now enjoy that walk with a light westerly breeze on my face. The prevailing wind is westerly and will constantly blow toxic waste over Moss Vale. When there is a plastic fire, the town will need to be evacuated and my husband who is confined to a wheelchair and needs a hospital bed and a hoist, will need to be moved. Where will he go? What plans does Plasrefine have to evacuate people? How are they accountable?

No community concerns or conditions of consent have been met. The assessment of impacts on the community, environment and water have not been anywhere near adequately addressed by Plasrefine. How could development consent possibly be granted???
