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Having grown up in the Southern Highlands and now as a property owner in Moss Vale, I have serious concerns about the location of the proposed development. It is very close to residential homes and whilst light industry might be appropriate for this area, the heavy industrial nature of a refinery is not compatible with this particular neighbourhood.

Aside from the obvious detrimental effects on natural habitats, wildlife and ecosystems there is the very real threat of a serious and harmful impact on air quality and water supply. As well as other environmental concerns such as pollution and hazards from increased traffic and heavy vehicles, there is a significant fire risk - fires that could release lethal toxins into the local environment causing a catastrophic threat to health. I have relatives both young and old who live in the area some of whom have respiratory issues so the damage to air quality is a major worry.

Moss Vale includes a large lower socio-economic population, many of whom live in the areas surrounding the township including Beaconsfield Rd. With the housing crisis it is hard enough to find somewhere affordable to live and outlying areas provide a less expensive option. As an elderly pensioner my father lived in Beaconsfield Rd and was able to enjoy a reasonable quality of life in his final days. This would be impossible with the fumes and unpleasantness of a toxic factory nearby. Pensioners and those on lower incomes should not be deprived of amenable areas to live. It is also much harder for them to move as aside from the expense it can remove them from community, family and support groups. Beaconsfield Rd also provides a pleasant walk or cycle into town for those without cars. Additional traffic will obviously put an end to this. Australia is a big place surely a more suitable site can be located.