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Location: New South Wales 2576	
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Dear Commissioners,

We object to the proposed plastic recycling refinery in Moss Vale for the following reasons:

1. Location:

- Too close to residential areas, schools and childcare facilities

2. Pollution Impact to the Environment:

- Potential air, ground and water pollution and the impact to the environment and human health. The potential long-term health risks for residents, particularly vulnerable populations such as children, are real. The evidence is emerging of microplastics being neurotoxic and carcinogenic.
- Potential water run-off to enter the Wingecarribee River, which is part of the Sydney water catchment.
- Wind has the potential to blow these microplastic particles all around the Southern Highlands.
- Question: has an independent environmental impact report been commissioned or are we relying on the developer commissioned one?

3. Economic Impact on the Region:

- The actual (or perceived) risk of such a facility will hamper the growth of the Southern Highlands being the place to live, impacting residential and business growth.
- It will compromise the precinct from attracting innovative, sustainable businesses who will not desire to set up next to a factory with smokestacks and large numbers of heavy vehicles coming & going on the shared roads.

4. Personal:

- We moved to the Southern Highlands 4 years ago, primarily due to lifestyle factors and to raise our family away from city life. A big draw card was clean and sustainable living, away from the city and pollution. Many families have the same drivers and it will impact on family's desire to be located here.
