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OBJECT

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At first, I thought, as most people would, that it is a good idea to recycle plastic.

Apart from the fact that society needs to use far less plastic in the first place, recycling plastic is much less efficient than recycling paper, glass and metals.

The how and where needs to be foremost in any consideration of a plastics recycling facility and in this particular case both have not been sensibly considered.

As I looked into this particular situation, I found out why local people are distressed.

I am one of those local people.

I live in Moss Vale. We moved here 30+ years ago because my husband and I love a quieter life surrounded by nature. We have raised three children here and 30 years later, realise what a privilege it has been to them and us, living here.

These are my concerns, the first one coming before everything else;

-approval by NSW government, giving permission to a company with a little known background,

Ref;<https://www.smh.com.au/environment/sustainability/a-big-blue-in-a-small-southern-highlands-town-over-a-giant-plastics-plant-20220111-p59nhp.html>

It beggars belief that this was not ENOUGH to STOP Plasrefine's application in it's tracks!

-contamination of our water ways and Sydney water catchment with microplastics and harmful waste chemicals used in the recycling process and the plastics themselves

The position of the proposed facility is situated on two riparian areas protecting water ways that flow into the Wingecaribee river and ultimately Sydney's water supply.

-air pollution from the same microplastics and processing chemicals

Obviously this will have a detrimental effects on human health, as well as, the health of every other living organism in the area. The connectivity of air and water make the area under threat vast.

Currently a great deal of research is being conducted investigating more efficient, less harmful ways to recycle plastics, which in the near future will make Plasrefine obsolete. We will then be left with a massive eyesore, forever leaching toxic chemicals into the environment.

-the proposed site is 150 metres from residential areas!

-up to 100 trucks per day operating 11 hour days, 7 days a week using Berrima Rd, a small country road.

