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*My husband and I are about to start building our forever home in Moss Vale. The decision to move to Moss Vale from Sydney has not been an easy one. A decision made more agonising now knowing that we are potentially moving into an area where we and our family will be subjected to adverse environmental impacts to our lifestyle and health associated with the proposed PlasRefine Recycling complex.*

*We are the parents of a [REDACTED] disabled daughter. Our daughter was born with epilepsy and went on to develop an intellectual disability and autism. Her health is fragile and her brain chemistry even more so. The life-threatening seizures that she has experienced since birth are triggered by changes to her brain chemistry and hormone changes. So, I hope that you can appreciate that the potential for adverse health risks associated with micro plastics and PFAS chemicals in her environment is very real. We have very real concerns for her health and wellbeing along with that of all the other residents of the area. I haven't burnt myself out over 30 years only to hand her ongoing health over to [REDACTED] company that has so little regard for the local community that suggests we minimise time spent outdoors as a solution to their pollution. A [REDACTED]*

*[REDACTED] What confidence can we have that Moss Vale and the surrounding areas is going to be any different?*

*Our decision to move to clean air and a stress free country lifestyle is focussed very much around giving our daughter a good life. Keeping her well has been my primary focus of the last 30 years. Moving her closer to other family members where she can be supported when we can no longer care for her is important to us. Now we are being told that we each need to manage their exposure to the air quality impacts by minimising time spent outdoors This from a [REDACTED] plastics refinery business that clearly prioritises business and profits over the health and wellbeing of the people of Moss Vale and the broader Southern Highlands community is contempt at best and completely disturbing to me.*

*Foremost in my mind is making sure I am fit and healthy to care for our daughter for as long as possible. Moving to the country I had hoped would support that need. Increasing my risk of cancer does not give me comfort that I will be able to care for her for as long as possible.*

*Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd was registered on 1 July 2020. Where is their track record in plastics recycling? Will the owners of this business be living in Moss Vale to breathe in the micro plastics and PFAS chemicals for themselves?*

*Do we retain the services of [REDACTED] now? Because it sounds to me like if this project gets final approval we are another class action waiting to happen. If this plastics recycling facility goes ahead, the whole community is at risk. If not from the threat of environmental hazards and associated health risks then from the potential for catastrophic fire, just like that of so many other plastics recycling facilities around the world.*

*It took 30 years for the Pacific Gas & Electric company to be held accountable for the environmental poisons that adversely affected the health and wellbeing of the small community of Hinkley USA. It took the tenacity of [REDACTED] to bring it to light and fight for that community. Will any of the panel members of the Independent Planning Commission remember us in 30 years? Will the NSW Government consider us collateral damage? Or are they more focussed on selling the local community out to foreign owned interests?*



*Now I can appreciate that the amount of plastics produced in this country needs to be managed. But Moss Vale is not the right site.*

*Surely there are other more suitable sites that won't have such devastating impact on the local community. Our local members of parliament have even offered to help locate a more suitable site. Moss Vale is not the right site.*

*I strongly object to the proposal of the Plasrefine plastics recycling plant in Moss Vale. Please make the right decision for our community. As I drive between Sydney and Moss Vale and I look out over the landscape I can't help but feel that there are so many other sites out there where Plasrefine would be better placed. Away from our schools, childcare centres and homes and with reduced risk of harming the health and wellbeing of so many residents.*

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