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I have attended the Public Meetings in regard to the Plasrefine proposal and I appreciate the opportunity provided by the Panel for citizens to express their views.

On the basis of all that I have heard at those meetings, and from my own research, I wish to express my absolute opposition to SSD 9409987 for a number of reasons.

First, the health and wellbeing of the residents of the Southern Highlands, given the rapidly increasing knowledge worldwide about the risks of air and water pollution from plastic recycling facilities by microplastics and forever chemicals such as PFAS, particularly for children, teenagers, women of childbearing age and elderly people. The health of people in Goulburn and Sydney would also be affected because of the inevitable pollution of the Wingecarribee River.

These health risks would be hugely increased if a fire were to occur in the facility which is a common occurrence in such places. Besides, our local fire-fighting facilities are totally inadequate to deal with such a disaster.

The health of the wider environment would be affected by pollution from the water output and plastic dust, including native animals such as platypus and microbats, agriculture and viticulture.

Second, the noise and disruption to residents of Moss Vale because of the huge number of heavy and light traffic movements to and from the facility, and the damage to our roads.

Third, the inappropriateness of the proposal's huge bulk and heavy industrial nature so close to a residential area as well as to a daycare centre, schools and Moss Vale township. It would absolutely destroy the development and vision of the SHIP area of low-rise, higher technology enterprises.

Fourth, the serious harm which would be done to the economy of the Southern Highlands through the inevitable collapse in the number of visitors who come to the area for its clean, green nature as well as its fine wine and produce. So many jobs and livelihoods would be lost, far more than the 149 mostly menial jobs offered by the proposal.

Fifth, we must not minimise the immense social and emotional harm inflicted by this development already, through fear, uncertainty and possible isolation by being trapped in a toxic situation. No amount of community engagement will mitigate those harms and progression of the proposal will only exacerbate them.

With respect, I urge the Panel to recommend refusal of this proposal.
