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The site is unsuitable for this particular development for the following reasons

The project poses unacceptable risk to people's health and safety for the following reasons:

- *the potential for fire risk with these facilities in an area without adequate resources to respond to such an emergency and already at high risk of fire due to the natural environment. The local fire services are small, and larger ones are too far away.*
- *the site is too close to schools and childcare centres, and community facilities, creating an unacceptable risk to health issues in the event of fire, vents malfunction, dust pollution or other hazardous toxins that can be harmful to health in the event of a fire or other malfunction.*
- *There is not enough evidence that ensures chemicals in plastics will be safely monitored or what will be done if they are found to be beyond safe limits?*
- *too close to residential areas, increasing safety risks in event of fire or other processes that lead to pollution (noise, dust etc)*

The project poses unacceptable risk to the local economy for the following reasons

- *too close to the Garvan Institute (medical research institute) placing staff and resources at risk in event of fire or from noise and vibrations and their effect on breeding mice in the facility*
- *it does not belong in the Southern Highland's Innovation Park, an area for biotech, agri-research, light industries etc. The local economy is at risk because this project will deter business from establishing centres in the park.*

This project poses unacceptable risk to the local environment (and consequently, the health and economy of the community) for the following reasons

- *it is too close to key riparian zones*
- *it is too close to habitats for endangered animals (southern myotis and large bent winged bat) and threatens the loss of biodiversity linked to these habitats*
- *the potential disturbance to local platypus population which is actively monitored by the community and funded by state grants*

It is a basic human right to have access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. A new human rights (healthy environment) amendment bill to the legislative assembly was passed on 26 October 2023. This law obligates the government to address harm and to fulfil the rights to health, clean air, safe water, non-toxic environments to live in and a healthy ecosystem. Other states will follow. How will the NSW State government address



this seemingly paradoxical issue “ will it close Plasrefine once it has already been built? The project must not proceed without adequately addressing this question, nor should it proceed for the reasons listed above.

Finally, if expertly informed submissions and feedback outline clearly why this is not the right sight, and it is approved, how can we ensure our younger and future leaders, citizens and community that they can have trust in the democratic process? By approving this project despite these reasonable, clear and expertly informed criticisms, we are at risk of losing trust in governments and government process (leading to unstable and dangerous political environments).
