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Please say NO to Plasrefine!

Plasrefine is the name of a plastic factory that a big overseas company wants to be built in Moss Vale.

You see, we don^mt quite know if its being built yet because, it is complicated. A plan to build something so big and that will affect so many people needs to be approved by lots of different people in our government. Even though the plan was from years ago, it is still going through this process. Lots of people have said it doesn m t belong where they want to put it.

The reason it is taking so long is because it could cause a big impact for the people who live nearby, for an example my grandparents, who live on a huge paddock and grow lots of plants there. They also grow their own vegetables. Their neighbours even grows grape vines! When I go there I can see where they are there wanting to put the factory, and if they build it there, there would be smoke in the air with could hurt the plants and animals and people nearby and there would be pollution from the plastic being melted down. It would also look really terrible to have a big factory that people have to live next to. The paddocks are so beautiful and there lots of birds and kangaroos and animals that live there.

In fact, the space they want to build the factory has LOTS of nature and trees. In my Grandparent™s paddock, every grandchild in the family has their own tree and if the pollution gets into the water and the soil they could get sick or die. I think it is crazy that they haven™t made the decision yet and are leaving everyone that lives nearby feeling worried and unsure.

But it is not just the neighbours, the whole community will have to deal with all the trucks bringing dirty plastic and rubbish from Sydney and Canberra and Wollongong. The trucks would come all day along roads where there are schools and homes and make more traffic and pollution.

The company that wants to build Plasrefine are calling it a recycling factory but is is really a business to make plastic into flakes and pellets to sell new plastic things and to make money. Those new plastic things can™t be recycled again either so they will end up in landfill anyway. It would also be the largest facility of its kind in AUSTRALIA! And people will need to live next door to it. It doesn™t make sense to have it next to grandparents and kids and families.

Well, why is it such big deal? I think it is a big deal because it involves the whole community because we will have to deal with all the air pollution and chemical smoke and it could be very serious for old and young people especially, it could cause them to struggle with breathing and it could get into the water and cause sickness to people and animals and plants. Especially because it gets so windy in those paddocks the pollution could spread really far. Lots of animals like birds and fish could eat the micro plastics that will escape the factory or the trucks going to the factory, thinking that it was food.

Plastic is terrible for the environment and a big problem. We should be reducing plastic use, like how we don^mt use plastic shopping bags and straws anymore. This plan for recycling is actually just as dangerous to people and nature as the plastic is. It also should not be anywhere near people^ms homes and the town and community of Moss Vale.



There has been lots of work done by people to tell people about all these concerns. My grandparents and other people that care about this have spoken to news reporters and and politicians and even been on TV and the radio. Please listen to us, we need your help too.

Hopefully you agree that it should be a NO to Plasrefine! Thank you for reading!