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Dear Members of the Independent Planning Commission,

*I am writing to you as a concerned 19 year old girl regarding the proposed establishment of the Plasrefine Recycling Facility in Moss Vale. I strongly believe that this project, if approved, would have severe and lasting consequences for the environment, public health, and the wellbeing of all who live in or visit the Southern Highlands. It is my sincere hope that you will take these concerns into consideration when making your final decision.*

*Having visited this region often, I have a deep and personal connection to the land and the community. I have had the privilege of riding horses, milking cows, and even collecting eggs from the chickens in our backyard. These simple yet profound experiences have shaped my understanding of the natural world and the importance of preserving the purity of our environment. The Southern Highlands is renowned for its clean air, fresh water, and lush landscapes”qualities that attract tourists and provide a safe, healthy environment for residents. These natural assets are invaluable, and they must be protected from any threat that could compromise their integrity.*

*The PlasRefine Recycling Facility, with its operations centred on plastic waste processing, poses an immediate and undeniable risk to our local environment. The potential for hazardous emissions”particularly microplastics”is of grave concern. Microplastics are harmful not only to wildlife but to human health as well. They are known to infiltrate the food chain, with research showing that we inadvertently ingest microplastics through contaminated water, food, and even the air we breathe. The long-term health impacts are still being studied, but the very fact that these particles are toxic and persistent in the environment should make us question whether this project is worth the risk.*

*This proposal would not only endanger the health of residents but also devastate the tourism industry, which is vital to the local economy. The Southern Highlands draws visitors from all over the world, attracted by the serenity of the area”its clean air, pure water, and picturesque landscapes. Should this facility be allowed to proceed, it would irreparably alter the very essence of what makes the Highlands such a desirable destination. People come here to escape the pollution and congestion of city life, to reconnect with nature, and to experience a place untouched by the harmful effects of industrialisation. The introduction of a recycling facility of this magnitude would diminish these qualities, causing tourism to plummet and resulting in significant economic harm.*

*Furthermore, the very foundation of our basic human rights is at stake. Clean air, clean water, and the ability to live in an environment free from harmful pollutants are rights that should never be compromised. By approving this facility, you would be granting a corporation the right to infringe upon those rights, placing the interests of industry above the health and safety of local communities. It is crucial that we prioritise the wellbeing of residents over short-term economic gain.*

*In conclusion, I urge you to consider the long-term implications of this proposal for both the environment and the people who call the Southern Highlands home such as my grandmother and aunty. The establishment of the PlasRefine Recycling Facility would not only threaten our health and livelihoods but also irreversibly harm the very essence of what makes this region a special and sustainable place to live. I respectfully request that*



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*you reject this proposal in order to safeguard the future of our community, our environment, and the generations to come.*

*Say no to Plasrefine.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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