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OBJECT

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My name is Regina and I am a 44 year old local with two beautiful boys age 4 and 7, and also work in close proximity to the proposed Plasrefine.

It is no secret that plastic itself is a health hazard by itself, so that's why I kept my boys away from possible risks as much as possible. Making sure the baby bottles are made of glass, use hygiene products without microplastics. I know that microplastics are everywhere but I did my best possible to minimize their exposure at a young age. But now I arrived at a point where I can't protect my family anymore because the decision to allow Plasrefine to be build lies now your hands.

I am very concerned of the impact due environmental exposure which to be honest will occur no matter how many promises are made to prevent those. Very high winds in the area which last for weeks are not uncommon and they are so strong that it makes it hard to breath while walking through it. This will definitely transport the microplastics into nearby waterways and far into town. Torrential rain and flooded roads are a normal in that area and then followed by a long stretch of drought.

The estimated weather including rainfall and dry periods are an distorted image of the reality in Moss Vale. For example: my youngest was born in February 2020 right after the fires and he was dancing for the first time in the rain after he was able to walk which must have been around early 2021. Those experiences will go unnoticed because of our normal day to day life but since I have kids it became clear how unpredictable our local weather became in the last 10 years.

I also find the tactics of the proposal very concerning. How is it possible to even suggest to have the trucks driving through residential neighborhoods, past my oldest sons primary school and also using the ABR driveway. How are those far-fetched proposals even being considered when there's a risk of a child being hit by truck....my child !? How can a factory be build next to a waterway which turns from a tiny stream into a flooded river, knowing that there will be an exposer and possible contamination for Sydney drinking water. What kind of company would even try to bring forward such a proposal knowing that those are absurd to begin with ?

The only logical conclusion is that if this facility will be allowed to go forward it will set back the rules for future projects. Legal requirements can be bend because there's always a loophole and big promises to be made.

One big question is who will be responsible if Plasrefine will have a contamination issue, due to failed equipment, human error or a fire which can't be contained by any of our local fire stations ? Who can I hold responsible when my kids get sick ? What will I tell my boys if they become infertile, will I tell them that money was more important than their health and that no one cared ? My boys are my blood and soul and I will fight for them until my last breath, I also will raise hell if any health issues arise due to this facility !

I am just one woman but like its said it takes a village to raise a child but in this village we fight for our children. There are uncountable aunts, uncles, brother, sisters and grandparents who won't stop until the right decision is made and that's a NO to Plasrefine.

This decision is now in your hands and I am begging you with all my heart to stop this proposal, its not the right site !

Thank you for you consideration



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Sincere regards,

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