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I am writing to express my strong OBJECTION to the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility " Plasrefine, proposed for Moss Vale in the Southern Highlands, NSW.

There are numerous reasons why I object to such a facility.

Location, Traffic, Fires, Safety, Pollution, lack of trust in the company, lack of information.

This land is just not suitable for a facility like this.

It is too close to residential properties, Vineyards and farming properties " it will directly impact Moss vale, and entire Southern Highlands Community.

This site lacks a buffer zone with our residential areas, a very important medical research facility (Garvan), Childcare Centres, Schools and Sydney drinking water catchment. There are over 26 locations within 5kms of the Plasrefine site " 9 of these are Schools and Tertiary education, 5 are Early Childcare Centres and 12 are Sporting facilities and playgrounds.

The Wingecarribee Shire Council has also expressed serious concerns and are in OBJECTION to this proposal and I agree with all their concerns!

Key concerns include:

- *The inconsistency with the adopted Moss Vale Enterprise Corridor Development Control Plan and emerging strategic masterplanning work on the Southern Highlands Innovation Park.*
- *Inadequate provision of water and sewer infrastructure.*
- *Inadequate provision of transport infrastructure.*
- *Community health and amenity concerns.*
- *Lack of a social impact statement.*

Traffic concerns will always pose a large threat. Between the huge amount of truck and vehicle movements to and from site this will only further congest the local roads, especially Moss Vale. Moss Vale itself is already at capacity for its infrastructure and the roads can barely hold the traffic that currently exists. And there is also no guarantee that the vehicles will stay on the ~recommended' travel routes. Semi Trailers (apparently 100 movements a day) would have to pass over 3 level crossings which will only add more congestion. New Berrima will be directly affected also.

It's going to be a disaster.

Fire to this facility is also a real concern, with a regularly large amount of Plastic recycling facilities catching fire across Australia, let alone NSW. This poses a safety risk for anyone close by, such as schools, communities, farms and farm animals, nursing homes, daycare centres. Breathing in the smoke and pollution from such a fire can cause serious health risks. Not to mention any microplastics that are in the air. My children attend a Primary School under 2km from this site (the closest Primary school) and I have some very strong concerns if a fire broke out, how this would impact my children and our community.



We also do not have local HAZMAT fire service personnel close by to deal with such a fire if it were to occur. This is a FACT! We would have to wait minimum 50 minutes for a team to arrive from surrounding areas such as Goulburn or Campbelltown, and that's if they left within 1 minute of the fire starting. Our area is just not equipped for the enormity of risks involved with this proposed facility. It's just dangerous!

Any fumes, plastic dust and chemicals that are released are going to impact many different areas across the Southern highlands as the winds blows.

It is not a matter of IF, it is a matter of WHEN this facility will catch fire. We can see this from the numerous recycling facilities catching on fire in NSW alone.

I live a mere 350m as the crow flies, from the proposed site and the threat of fire and its impacts to my home, my family with young kids, my livestock and pets sadly gives me so much stress and anxiety. I fear whether my family would stay in the area if this were to go ahead. It would be such a huge impact to us having this facility go ahead. The stress over this facility for the last 4 years is overwhelming.

In the Social Impact Assessment (Ethos Urban, 2023) Appendix 1, section 7.5 has a map (Figure 17) and there are dots for "Sensitive Receivers" on this Map my property does not even have a dot on it, however my neighbours all do. My property should have a dark or light blue dot on it, and the fact is doesn't shows me that there are inaccuracies already within their document. We have had zero correspondence from GHD over the last 4 years. My neighbours, on the other side of the road (proposed site side) received their letters on Christmas Eve, however on our side of the road we did not. GHD also claimed to door knock houses for neighbouring residences "I did not have anyone knock on my door. And over the years the only contact I have had with GHD is through a community meeting.

I am also very unhappy that Plasrefine are claiming that greater detail will be given once approved. This is just not good enough. We, as a community, need to have the details now and transparently.

There are so many aspects such as noise, dust, smell, traffic impact, vibration, light pollution, impact to wildlife, 24hr year round operation, toxic residues in livestock and their agricultural land and also toxic wastewater via the Moss Vale sewerage treatment plant which will impact our local river system and catchment area (which is currently at full capacity for what it can handle), not to mention the lack of detail on the process of water outputs and total requirement on the Moss Vale Sewerage system. The claims made by GHD on behalf of Plasrefine using the rainwater tanks to wash their materials; there is a serious concern here if it does not rain enough for the enormity of what they will be using. We have been in drought a mere 4.5 years ago so there is a very real chance that they cannot rely on their rainwater and will have to use mass amounts of water they need from our local catchments.

This facility will one of the largest of its kind and the enormity of its scale is concerning. This site is just NOT RIGHT.

The Site proposed is on ecologically sensitive land with large riparian land and watercourse that flows directly to the Wingecarribee river and this is a Sydney water catchment. I feel there is a duty of care here to protect the catchment for Sydney drinking water for all who are reliant on it. This could cause irreversible damage.

Goulburn also use this water when in drought.

On the flip side, if not in drought and rather the mass rains we have seen over the last few years - this area that the proposed site sits in also floods regularly. My neighbour even recorded this on video from the back of her property.

The list of concerns just doesn't end.

Wendy Tuckerman our Member for Parliament, and also the Wingecarribee Shire Council is NOT supportive of this facility, alongside an enormous amount of local community members.



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I will be directly affected by this horrendous facility and I hope that it can be seen how badly this will impact our beautiful Southern Highlands and the people who call it home.

Please, I beg you to listen to those that are opposing Plasrefine. I just know that in both the long and the short term this facility will have huge negative impacts on those who live so close and also the greater region, all because THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT SITE.

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Kind regards,

Stephanie.
