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OBJECT

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*My husband and I have recently moved to Moss Vale - we have been here only 5 months. We chose to move here because of lifestyle which we assumed would be quiet. We were shocked to learn of the plastic recycling facility which is proposed for Moss Vale. We would never have moved here had we known.*

*I am deeply concerned about the proximity of the plant to the centre of Moss Vale and how close it is to residential areas, childcare facilities and schools. This is not the right location for such a development!*

*I understand the need for plastic recycling facilities. We are swimming in plastics! However, recycling alone is not the answer. We need to ban plastics!*

*The plastic recycling plant proposed at Parkes is a much more suitable location as it is out of town and away from residential areas and schools.*

*A plastic recycling plant so close to town will destroy the peace and tranquillity of the area which is why people have moved here in the first place. The sheer number of daily truck movements will have a considerable impact. The Hume Highway is already clogged with trucks and the 100 extra truck movements per day as well as the increased small vehicle movement of workers will make it worse for locals travelling on these roads and increase noise, visual and petrol pollution from vehicles. Increased traffic is a huge concern for me as these trucks will be coming not only from Sydney but from all over the state. What sense is there in moving raw and processed materials over such distances? Several smaller facilities in hubs makes more sense. Why should the Southern Highlands have to bear the burden of cleaning up Sydney's waste!*

*I understand the process of recycling plastics is destructive and creates microplastics. I'm concerned that the process is recreating more potential issues for the environment. Imagine if even small amounts of these particles were released regularly into the atmosphere or waterways! Consider the fate of workers with repeated exposure to these materials!*

*I understand that the plastics will be recycled either into pellets or other small products. There have been many accidents where ship loads of plastic pellets have been released into our oceans. Imagine what could happen if a truck loaded with plastic pellets was involved in an accident on our roads, or a bridge over a waterway! The pellets would be irrecoverable. Wouldn't it be better if the plastic was made into larger products on site? Innovative products include road materials which could potentially deaden vehicle noise (such as in Tokyo) or building products to replace gyprock to name a few.*

*I am also concerned about the potential for fire and how this would be managed in Moss Vale. Plastics fires burn very hot. For example, the Smithfield plastics fire required 10 firetrucks and 100 firefighters to put it out. Moss Vale has access to 3 firetrucks only! Imagine how catastrophic the consequences of a plastics fire could be for our community!*

*I am also concerned for local businesses. A plastic recycling facility will have a significant impact on tourism.*

*I know PlasRefine has acted in good faith and purchased land which it thought was appropriately zoned. They have also done their best to alleviate community concerns. The council which did not block the development was suspended in 2021 over concerns about the council's ability to function properly and effectively. The current council is vehemently opposed to the development in the current location.*



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*Please reject this development in this location!!*

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