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OBJECT

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to vehemently object to the proposed development of a plastic recycling plant by Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd in Moss Vale, NSW. This proposal is not just ill-conceived; it poses an existential threat to the health and safety of our community, and it is utterly incompatible with the values we hold dear as residents of this region.

I myself am a local in the Southern Highlands Area, currently living in Mittagong, but frequently visiting family and friends in Moss Vale, as well as enjoying the beautiful countryside all around during bike rides etc... including the area directly affected by this development proposal.

I would like to state mainly the following reasons for my objection.

- 1. Incompatible with Community Safety: The decision to locate the largest plastic recycling plant in Australia, within a mere 2 kilometers of our town center and in close proximity to residential areas, including an early childhood centre, is nothing short of reckless. The risks to our children, families, and neighbors cannot be overstated. Subjecting our community to such heavy industrial operations, which will undoubtedly disrupt the quality of life we cherish, is completely unacceptable. Even in a light/general industrial area, the fact that it's within 1km of medium density living residences is unsuitable.*
- 2. Unprecedented Industrial Impact: The scale of the proposed development, covering 3 hectares and involving heavy industrial operations, is incompatible with the surrounding area. The anticipated influx of heavy trucksâ€”estimated at every 7 minutesâ€”will contribute to noise, traffic congestion, and further safety risks for local residents.*
- 3. Severe Health Risks: The health implications associated with this plant are alarming. The threat of nano-plastics, which are known to infiltrate our bodies and potentially cause serious health problems, looms large. Furthermore, the risk of catastrophic chemical fires cannot be ignored. Such a fire would not only devastate the immediate vicinity but would also overwhelm our already stretched local fire services, including the Rural Fire Service, which is ill-equipped to manage such high-stakes emergencies. The safety of our community hangs in the balance, and this proposal would put us all in danger Not only in the short-term, but also the long-term effects on health would be a tremendous risk.*
- 4. Environmental Catastrophe: This facility poses a dire threat to the Sydney Water Catchment Area, which is critical for the health and sustainability of our environment. The potential for chemical and nano-plastic contamination endangers not only our local ecosystem but also threatens the water supply for countless residents across greater Sydney. This is a risk we simply cannot afford to take.*

While recycling is essential for sustainability, the proposed development of Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd poses unacceptable risks to the health, safety, and well-being of the Moss Vale community and the wider region.

In light of these points, I urge you to reconsider this proposal in the strongest possible terms. Allowing Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd to build this plant would be an egregious errorâ€”one that would prioritize corporate interests over the health, safety, and well-being of our community, as well as the potential large



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scale environmental effects on a large part of the Sydney Water Catchment Area. We deserve better than to have our homes and families placed at risk for the sake of a misguided venture.

The residents of Moss Vale deserve protection, not reckless endangerment. I implore you to act in the best interest of our community and reject this hazardous proposal outright.

Thank you for considering my objection and putting your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis de Haas
