



GARRY VIRTUE

OBJECT

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MY OPINION AS A CONCERNED RESIDENT WITH FAMILY MEMBERS WITH CHILDREN AT A PRE-SCHOOL METRES AWAY. IT IS ALSO CLOSE TO A KINDERGARDEN WITH A PRE-SCHOOL

Basic Issue as I understand it: Plasrefine has bought a property that is zoned light industry and residential. They now propose to build this massive Plastics Recycling plant within metres of residential homes, a Medical Research Facility (Garvan Institute.)

It is going to be multi story and will have to be classed HEAVY INDUSTRY. This is not going to conform with the zoning.

50 trucks a day, working 24/7, over 200 total vehicle movements. Huge volumes of water are also required. Why? The waste water once treated feeds via our Moss Vale Water treatment plant, which aerates processed water, into the Wingecarribee River which in turn feeds to Sydney's drinking water in Warragamba Dam. No matter what existing treatment processes are used, there is no guarantee that PFAS and other chemical emissions will not be emitted.

Winter and Spring South Westerly Winds regularly exceed 90kms an hour, with 3 events this winter in excess of 100 kms an hour. That is sufficient to drag emissions across some 30,000 residents of Moss Vale, Bowral and Mittagong, as well as a planned addition of 2,000 homes in South Bowral in the next decade.

No one in the Community disagrees with the need for good quality recycling. This is just the WRONG SITE.

Our roads are already wilting after years of under-investment by successive State Governments while populations have grown. The State overrides Council and gives approvals for projects like this, but it's the Council and Community that has to maintain the roads, seemingly without compensation.

In the event of a fire, we currently have just one manned fire engine manned, within 10 minutes of the planned location, and another on standby callout. There are four in total within 30 minutes

but they are not equipped for major chemical fires of the potential here. The many plastics factory fires that have occurred internationally have typically required 30-40 appliances to extinguish. No data is offered on the volume or chemical cocktail nature of smoke and particulate emissions.

None of our fire engines is equipped to manage a fire on a multi-story building such as this one.

If the factory takes up the whole site, where and how will the fire engines access the site?

Such an event would be ecologically catastrophic residents and critical to the water supply here in the Highlands and for Sydney - a population of over 5 million! The risk management plan does not demonstrate this.

This project is a NSW Government State Significant Development. It has been provisionally approved by the Dept. of Planning Housing & Infrastructure, on the advice of GHD Consultants, but is fiercely opposed for the last 4 years by Wingecarribee Council and residents. Despite multiple formal submissions from The Community. Many answers provided to questions by government were deemed to be inconsistent and inadequate. What changed?



Have they all been addressed? Now the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) is holding a Community Consultation to review the Department's provisional approval, over the wishes of the people who live and work in this community, next Monday 28th, many of them families with young children.

This process goes against all core elements of democratic representation. But it also goes against good governance. It is the WRONG SITE, risk management is inadequate, infrastructure is not there and health risks, many of which are only now emerging as science better understands the consequences of microplastics in the environment, have been completely ignored. The draft approval document contains multiple means of varying performance or delivery of the plan over

time.

This is a toxic chemical factory, potentially sending up to 40% of processed materials back out of the facility, (Up to 45,000 tonnes of the 120,000 tonnes authorised to be processed) to landfill, because the source material is in some way contaminated and unsuitable for recycling.

This is simply THE WRONG SITE

When our adjacent Wollondilly Independent MP, Judy Hannan and Coalition local Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, jointly oppose a project like this, there is clearly something wrong with current government thinking. It was started by the Coalition government and passed straight on by this Labor Government.

This community is standing up to fight.

Not the wrong project, just not the WRONG SITE.

. Yes, it is needed and needed badly. But, only after much more thorough planning and a suitable low risk site away from homes, schools, sensitive medical research and waterways. There is NOTHING that's right about where they plan to place this.

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About 80 people, including the mayor, gathered at the proposed Plasrefine site on Monday

of the pro- cessful. He said there would be refine proposal as "crazy" drags of submissions