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The proposed plastic recycling facility in Moss Vale, raises numerous concerns, highlighting the unsuitability of this site for such an industrial facility. Primarily, the factory's proximity to residential areas, daycare centres, and schools poses significant health and safety risks to the community. With residential housing located very close, the potential for increased pollutants, noise, and aesthetic degradation is alarming. The health implications of micro plastics, which can lead to serious issues like inflammation and weakened immunity, raise urgent questions about the long-term effects on future generations.

Moreover, the environmental impact cannot be overlooked. The factory's location near riparian zones, raises concerns about possible water pollution affecting local wildlife, including the platypus and long-neck turtles. The Wingecarribee River, which feeds into the Sydney Water Catchment, could suffer detrimental effects from any contamination, further endangering the ecosystem. Also, westerly facing doors, with predominantly westerly winds in the area will help spread micro plastics in the area.

The risk of fires at large plastic facilities is another pressing issue. Local fire stations may struggle to respond to a fire of this magnitude, which can spread rapidly and release toxic fumes into the air. This poses a grave danger to both the environment and public health.

Additionally, the increase in truck traffic due to factory operations would exacerbate road wear, increase noise levels and create safety hazards for residents. The proposed changes could impose financial burdens on local ratepayers, while also contributing to noise and dust pollution.

Lastly, the factory's imposing structure would disrupt the area's natural beauty, impacting property values and local businesses as it will be able to be seen from large distances. Given that the SHIP is not designated for heavy industry, it is crucial to seek alternative locations for the Plasrefine factory that prioritise community health, environmental preservation, and aesthetic integrity. The NSW Government Independent Planning Commission must reconsider this site to protect our community and its future.
