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I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed Plasrefine facility, which poses a grave threat to our environment, community, and future. As someone who is passionately dedicated to environmental protection, I find the facts surrounding this proposal not only alarming but also unacceptable.

Research consistently shows that communities near plastic processing facilities experience serious health problems, including respiratory diseases, skin rashes, and eye disorders. The risk of cancers linked to toxic plastic resin compounds is a reality we cannot ignore. It is completely unconscionable to even consider placing such a hazardous facility within 150-200 meters of our homes and schools!

The operations of Plasrefine will emit Airborne Volatile Organic Compounds, severely compromising our local air quality. Our region lacks the necessary infrastructure to support such a facilityâ€″this proposal is set to turn a quiet paddock into a hub of pollution and traffic chaos. With an estimated 160-200 heavy vehicle movements and 240 light vehicle movements each day, we will face increased gridlock and further strain on our already crumbling roadways.

Furthermore, the site's zoning is fundamentally incompatible. The presence of both Conservation (C4) and an undersized General Industrial (IN1) classification on the same lot is not just illogicalâ€″it endangers critical environmental areas, including Koala habitats and a category 2 riparian waterway that flows directly into the Wingecarribee River, part of the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment. This is not merely a local issue; it threatens our shared ecosystems.

The scale of this facilityâ€"spanning almost 8 acres and rising over 5 storiesâ€"is in blatant disregard of our community's well-being. Operating 24/7, it proposes to use an astounding 46,300 liters of water daily while discharging 16,300 liters of contaminated water into our already overloaded sewage system. This level of environmental negligence is intolerable!

Plasrefine's use of the term  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{Z}$  is nothing more than a smokescreen. In reality, this facility will import and process 120,000 tonnes of dirty plastic waste from regions as far away as Sydney and Canberra. The absence of an Offensive Industry Licence, paired with only an annual air quality audit, is grossly insufficient for a facility of this scale.

Moreover, the lack of genuine community engagement throughout this process is troubling. We need a transparent consultation process that includes all stakeholders within the Local Government Area, particularly those of us in Moss Vale who will directly face the impacts of this facility. The claim that this site is 3 km north of Moss Vale is misleadingâ€″it is within our town boundary, directly affecting our lives.

The potential drop in property values is another concern. No one wants to live near a plastic waste dump, and the prevailing winds could carry harmful emissions and odors over neighboring communities, diminishing our quality of life.

Who is Plasrefine, and why do they refuse to engage with our community? This lack of transparency leaves us with justified fears and unanswered questions. We cannot allow a company with 100% \*\*\*\* interests to jeopardize our health and environment without accountability.



I urge you to reconsider this proposal. Let us prioritize the health of our community and the integrity of our environment over corporate interests. We deserve better for our families, our homes, and our planet.