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*Objection to proposed Plasrefine Facility, Moss Vale*

*THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT SITE*

*My wife and I live in Moss Vale. We have lived in The Southern Highlands for close to 20 years. Our daughter grew up here and we have made a home in a beautiful location, filled with green spaces, an abundance flora and fauna and wonderful people.*

*We care about the future of our area and are proud to live such a biodiverse location.*

*We are not against plastic recycling and are avid recyclers ourselves.*

*The problem with the proposed development is that IT'S NOT THE RIGHT SITE.*

*The emissions from this facility would have a negative affect on air quality in the local area, including surrounding towns. Winds can be strong in the area a lot of the time and would blow micro-plastics and chemical toxins into residential and rural farming areas. This includes schools, pre-schools, sporting grounds and recreational areas. As the crow flies this is how the micro-plastics will disperse, 4km to Burradoo, 2km to Moss Vale Town Centre, around 5km to Berrima. That means that within at least a 5km radius, depending on which way the wind blows a school, pre-school or sports ground/recreational area will be affected. There are many schools and early childhood centres within this radius. Not to mention Town Centres and local residents. Other local businesses would also be impacted by this. How can GHD assure these towns that they won't be affected? The potential threat of carcinogenic toxins in our air and affecting the health of people, water, businesses, livestock, pets and agriculture is too real to ignore.*

*GHD have suggested to locals that they "stay inside" during strong winds. This is not a realistic solution and proves that the air quality will be poorly affected.*

*The site sits on 2 riparian zones.*

*There is a real threat of impact on the water catchment which supplies Sydney and Goulburn with water.*

*It will adversely affect the wildlife drinking and living in the waterways and the local platypus population.*

*There is no existing infrastructure to cope with the heavy vehicles necessary to this facility's operations.*

*Heavy vehicles would affect residential and commercial areas.*

*There are schools and early childhood centres close to the proposed facility which will be affected by these vehicles. Both noise and safety risks exist.*

*The Garvan institute can't do their work with the level of noise and vibration that would come from these vehicles due to the adverse effect on the mice, their behaviour and breeding.*

*Moss Vale and the Southern Highlands are already experiencing traffic congestion and road degradation. Wingecarribee Council have had to carry out traffic studies to try and come up with a suitable solution to the congestion problem that already exists in Moss Vale. The addition of more vehicles (heavy vehicles and staff passenger vehicles) will add to this problem.*



*The addition of heavy vehicles and more passenger vehicles will have a negative effect on the condition existing roads.*

*Who will be monitoring vehicle movements and noise?*

*The height and scope of the buildings and smokestacks are huge.*

*They will be unsightly and local residents will have no way to block them out.*

*GHD suggested that local residents "plant trees or hedges" to block out the sight of the building. This is not a realistic solution.*

*This facility will affect future development in the Southern Highlands Innovation Park. The community has been supportive of SHIP and Wingecarribee Council have received a grant and spent countless hours of planning SHIP. This development goes against SHIP planning.*

*GHD have been evasive with information about the proposed facility. Many local people have never heard of the proposed facility. Many others thought it had been canned due to the many red flags and Council's lack of support of the development. It has only been since the development was recommended for approval that now most people are hearing about it and considering it a real threat to their lives, health, homes, children, gardens, drinking water and livelihoods.*

*The proposed facility will have a negative impact on many local businesses. The Southern Highlands is a popular tourist destination. People are attracted by the location, beautiful landscapes, scenery, restaurants, wineries, markets and Tulip Time to name a few. There are historic townships to visit. There are many local farms, producers, gardens who will be negatively impacted by this facility. People are going to be deterred by the fact that there is a facility of this sort at our location. They will choose another location for their recreational activities and our business owners will lose that business.*

*Moss Vale has been going through a business boom for around the last 5 years or so. Previously boarded up shop frontages, now have new tenants and businesses are thriving. Boutique bars and restaurants have become very popular with locals and tourists alike. These businesses will more than likely suffer as a result of this development.*

*Moss Vale has become a popular residential area with the addition of thousands of new homes and thousands more to come. There is a new estate planned which is extremely close to the proposed development. There are existing residential homes extremely close to the proposed development. The proposed facility may influence people's interest in living in Moss Vale, which will affect house prices in the area. The area will begin to get a bad name.*

*There is a real risk of fire in a facility such as the one being proposed.*

*We don't have the resources to be able to fight and contain a fire within this facility, nor the toxic fumes resulting from such an event. Resources would need to be taken from other areas, which leaves other areas without resources. It would take at least an hour for specialist equipment to arrive on site. This would be particularly tragic in the bushfire season, where we have all experienced the tragic events of the 2019/20 bushfires.*

*Just because the smoke from the smokestacks has been said to go straight up, in any wind at all the smoke will disperse, go sideways and travel a long distance. I lived in Oatley for many years and during a huge fire season we were seeing live ash being blown into our yards from fires in Menai and Illawong.*

*Our LGA has been under administration for much of the time this proposal has been in the pipeline. There has been a general feeling of distrust and our Council has been given a poor reputation by previous Council. During administration we have had rebuild of staff in many positions. Our new Council are trying to build trust in the community and stakeholders and this development will affect the fragile relationship between residents and*



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*government bodies, including Council. Post local elections we have a group of young, professional, engaged and passionate Councillors working on our behalf to do their best for our community. They are all locals. They live here and understand the area and it's needs. Wingecarribee Shire Council do not support this development.*

*In conclusion, I reiterate that THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT SITE!!*

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