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I am writing this to submit an objection to the proposed Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility (SSD-9409987)

I agree there should be a facility to recycle plastics but I firmly believe this site is not the right site. The proposed site is far too close to residential areas, schools, childcare centres, and our valued recreational areas. The Southern Highlands is a regional and semi rural community, that has always been known for clean air, and a picturesque rural environment. This project has the potention to ruin all that we love about our area, and the reason why we live in the area we live. Some of the points that concern me most include

1. AIR QUALITY. The Highlands is an area of prevailling winds. These winds can be persistent and strong. Microplastics can easily be moved out of contained areas and be distributed around by wind and rain. It is perpostrous that it has been suggested that locals have been advised to limit their time outside to limit air quality impacts. How is this feasible. How can we see any benefits, when we have been told to limit time outdoors. Breathing is a necessity and clean air must be valued about all else.

2. Our WATERWAYS are valued and must be protected. I frequently walk along the Wingecarribee River at Berrima. On many occasions, when sitting quietly on the riverbank, I have been fortunate enough to see platypus swimming. Platypus are an endangered species and we should feel so privileged to have these creatures in our shire. It is our responsibilty to do all we can to protect them. The risks of microplastics getting in the water must be eliminated. As well as platypus we have a koala colony, micro bats, wombats, turtles and numerous other native birds and animals. Humans can write letters of protest but animals can't. We must be their voice as well.

3. ROADS AND TRAFFIC. The Southern Highlands does not have the infrastructure to support the quoted number of trucks that the Plastrefine centre will gnerate. The proposed haulage route of Berrima and Douglas roads are certainly not suitable for the proposed number of heavy duty haulage trucks. I have heard the proponent wants to build a new access road on land owned by the Garvin Institute. I have also heard the proponent wants to move the current Douglas Road/Collins Road railway crossing. It seems the proponent is expecting the area to adapt to their wishes. It only goes to show their site is not suitable.

4. TOURISM. The Southern highlands is an area of great beauty. People flock here to enjoy our clean air, our beautiful countryside, our wineries, local food produce, parks, walking tracks and special events. The reason they visit must be protected. People wont come if our environment is spoilt and our roads are choked with trucks

5. WATER USAGE. Plasrefine have stated they will have rainwater tanks on the factory site and roof water storage potentially under one of the buildings. Use of rain water is not guaranteed. What is the plan during periods of drought. During periods of drought, and during the bushfires, our water went to Sydney as well as Goulburn. So what is their plan for drought times and how will that effect our community.

Everything I see about the location of the plasrefine facility is negative. Australia has vast areas of scrubland that is unsuitable for agriculture or residential use but close to a highway. I feel it is important a safer and more suitable area of land be found for recycling plastics.