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I moved to the area with my family three years ago, and Moss Vale is our nearest large town for shopping, medical and sports facilities so we are there often. As well as being concerned about the impacts on traffic and upon future potential uses of the business park this is proposed for (as I understand it could discourage the kinds of innovative businesses MV is looking to attract to boost local economics by being a noisy, dirty and dangerous facility) my main concern is around health and environmental impacts. I will not speak directly to the environmental impacts upon the local native ecosystem and animals (I am sure they will be noted in other submissions), as the State government's current stance on logging of native forests convinces me that they give no credible thought to the health of our State's environment. I will continue to hope, however, that the government cares enough about votes that they still care about direct impacts upon voters, and also about the bottom-line challenges if there is an uptick in public health issues which put pressure on the State's health and education budgets.

It seems that not only will there be significant risk of continuous and long-term environmental pollutants (both into our water (not to mention the Sydney water catchment) and into our air, plus the extra traffic pollution) but there is a probability at facilities like this of there eventually being a fire. Given our local area doesn't have enormous Hazmat or fire fighting resources we can assume that an event like this would inevitably be a truly significant pollution event.

We moved here from Sydney because we are dealing with a seriously impacted, aggressive and violent autistic child who is already costing the (Federal) government through NDIS and the State government through numerous provisions of resources via the Education dept. There are clear research studies showing autistic people (particularly children, and particularly boys) have spikes in hospital admissions during major pollution events such as the Black Summer smoke (we lived in Sydney during this, and our personal experience was a notable uptick in distress, behavioural, sleep and eating issues). The medical science pathways on this remain unclear and as I am not a doctor or a scientist I can only speak to what I have learnt as a desperate parent about autistic nervous systems being far more sensitive, gut microbiomes being compromised and autistic bodies generally having a far harder time eliminating toxins. For my family to thrive and survive it is important our environment is not polluted. This is indeed true of every single human being, and sensitive autistic nervous systems are really just canaries in the coalmine.

I know for a fact that there are dozens if not hundreds of families like mine who have discovered their neurodivergent children are struggling in the higher toxicity of city living and have moved their children to the Southern Highlands to help them thrive, because we have been shocked to tap into a wonderful community of people with a similar story to ours. I am grateful every single day for our clean, sweet air, the beautiful streams my kid can splash in and the lower traffic pollutants.

Introducing this Plasrefine Facility into our proximity will be a direct assault on the recovery and stabilisation of not just my son's health and future trajectory, but on my whole family. I am very very worried about it, and deeply annoyed that as an overwhelmed disability mum I have had no capacity to be part of the conversation apart from writing this submission, which I do from respite care whilst fighting off a cold!

There are many voters in this situation - overstretched carers of children of family members with disabilities who will quickly feel the impacts of this recycling plant and become a greater drain on the public purse because of it.



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Please reject this proposal and find another site for this facility, where there is not a gathering of medically vulnerable people who have chosen to live here in order to function and survive, as we cannot do it in the polluted environment of a city.

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider my submission.
