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Having listened to the many articulate members of our community speaking to the IPC about why this is NOT THE RIGHT SITE, I will not repeat in depth what everyone is saying. However, to summarise my objections - which are many - I cannot believe this proposition was even considered, let alone that we have got this far in the process - it makes no sense at all:

It is far too close to residential (and the sensitive Garvan Institute).

As a hazardous industry, Plasrefine should have buffer zone of at least 2km from residential, childcare centres, schools, etc.

It does not fit with the vision of the SHIP, and will adversely affect future development

The Southern Highlands is renowned for its beautiful landscapes, fresh air, vibrant villages, vineyards, local farms and food. It should not be known for hosting the largest (or second largest) plastics refinery in Australia. The size and scale of Plasrefine will be visible from some of our famous lookouts and does not fit in.

Moss Vale is becoming a vibrant little town with an increasing population, particularly young families (just look at the number of childcare places). In 2019 its population was 8,600. Today it is 9,708, forecast to rise to 13,153 by 2041 (a 35% increase).

The Plasrefine site is in a designated bushfire zone and the community is still recovering from the dreadful fires of 2019, both emotionally and physically. Also, there have been many instances of fires at plastics recycling facilities. The Moss Vale fire station is unmanned and it would take a long time to get the necessary fire equipment to the site, especially Hazmat specialists.

Emissions of PFAs into the air and our drinking water, with concerns about cancer clusters and reproductive damage.

Moss Vale has extremely strong winds which will spread microplastics across a large area of our community.

In a riparian area with two water courses that feed into the Wingecaribbee River and thence Warragamba Dam.

Potential risk/harm to human health in event of fire/explosion, failure of water/air filtration processes.

Stephen Jones (Federal), Wendy Tuckerman (State) and Wingecaribbee Council have all objected to Plasrefine in this particular site. They have offered to find alternative locations, which has been ignored by Plasrefine.

If things go wrong, it will be too late for residents of Moss Vale.

Plasrefine is all about making money; they can recycle plastic anywhere - somewhere more logical, closer to transport hubs, away from residential etc. Moss Vale is all about people and our community and we feel we are being ignored.

There will be 50 large truck movements a day x 5 days a week for 11 hours (actually 100 as they have to leave as well) = 9 heavy trucks an hour - who will be responsible for maintaining the quality of the road? And pity the



poor residents of New Berrima who will have all this extra traffic on their road. Plus lighter vehicles and all the cars transporting 'the 140 workers', many of which will come along the already congested Argyle Street.

A new human rights (healthy environment) amendment bill to the legislative assembly was passed on 26 October 2023. This law obligates the government to address harm and to fulfil the rights to health, clean air, safe water, non-toxic environments to live in and a healthy ecosystem. How does the Plasrefine facility accord with this?

When Plasrefine closes - whether due to lack of profit, new technology or class action by the residents of Moss Vale suffering from health issues - who will remediate the site? More tax payer money?

Moss Vale gains nothing by having a plastics refinery plant in the heart of our thriving clean community, but far worse is what might be lost should a mistake occur. And then it is too late.

The technology Plasrefine is planning to use is fast becoming obsolete, so they will be ruining our environment for just a few short years. What happens then?

The people of Moss Vale are incredibly stressed.

Please put a stop to this now. NOT THE RIGHT SITE.
