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*I am 12 years old and have lived in Moss Vale my whole life. Every summer we go to Berrima and swim at the local river all the time. Lots of kids from Moss Vale, Berrima and Bowral swim here. There's a diving board and rocks you can jump from and a rope on a high tree the older kids use but I haven't yet, although I am looking forward to doing this.*

*On a nice afternoon in summer there would be 50 people in the water, and it's a really fun place to be with people.*

*There are signs up saying this part of the river was used for swimming by the local indigenous tribes, and also by the German inmates of the prison during world war 2. They were incarcerated because they were German, not because they did a crime, and they were allowed out to swim and socialise.*

*This is an important spot for the Southern Highlands Community, and has always been an important spot.*

*This is downriver from the Plasrefine site and wastewater will run straight into this river and down to the swimming spot and poison us all. We won't be able to swim here anymore even though people and dogs have been swimming in this spot for hundreds of years.*

*It's a terrible site and a terrible idea and I object strongly.*

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