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I am David Baxter and have lived in Moss Vale for 75 years and for the past 54 years, just [REDACTED] metres from this proposed factory. My wife has lived in our home for 72 years, we have raised our families here and our children have raised their families on our property, I leased the adjoining now Plasrefine 50 acres for about 30 years and know every inch of it.

We love our home and green pastures.

As I spend the majority of my time outdoors, I will be subjected to the fallout of the micro and nano-plastic particles, not only myself and family but also the many visitors to my popular Moss Vale Museum. We have been advised by GHD that if it is windy to just stay indoors, Great, it is always windy up here on the hill.

Back in the early 2000s when I was training my harness racing horses on my track, (which was on now Plasrefine land), my employee at that time and I were jogging the horses around on a beautiful morning with the sun coming up and the whole of the proposed factory site was covered in a low fog that was gently lifting, Shirley said to me "Where in the World would you get an office like this" RIP Shirl, I will never see that again or forget those words, those scenes will be gone forever if this project goes ahead.

My two main concerns and worries though, are the certainty of an uncontrollable, horrific plastic fire that will destroy, people, animals, crops and waterways all over the Wingecarribee Shire via the toxic smoke and fumes. There are no fire units within the Wingecarribee Shire that can contain a fire of that magnitude, or arrive in time to save anyone or anything, the footprint of the building would only allow one or two units in to fight it. The factory fires in the cities have 50 plus units fighting them and still cannot control the fires. It is not a matter of if a fire will happen, it is a matter of when a fire will happen.

The other concern is to the viability and survival of the Garvan "Mouse House" and the effects that the whole of the Plasrefine operation will have on their World renown and vital business.

It has been proven how vibration has diminished the breeding cycle of these mice. I was asked when Garvan was being proposed if we objected to it being built. My reply was "If one of those mice save a life it will be worth it, as that life could be mine".

Garvan save lives, Plasrefine will take lives.

A few years ago we were all wary of Asbestos and the dangers of it, lets not have a plastic factory on the towns doorstep, it won't be Asbestosis as the danger anymore, it will be Plasticosis that will be our next major killer.

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