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OBJECT

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I, David John Baxter, as one of the closest residents to this proposal and my wife having lived in this home since 1952 and myself since 1970, we have a direct sight to this abomination of a development. The owners of this acreage only wish to develop here because they bought the 50 acre property for \$3.55 million. I have developed my 5 acres into a tourist attraction with gardens and a museum which has always looked over the rolling hills and farmland and if this project goes ahead all I, and my visitors will see is an unsightly large concrete block that will be spewing out microplastics.

I am also concerned of the traffic that will be continuously entering the property, it is said that they will control the routes that the 100-200 trucks will use daily, impossible, the trucks from the Illawarra, or anywhere else will always use the shortest possible route, which is into Moss Vale, down Argyle Street, under the railway bridge and down Lackey Road, some will also use our Beaconsfield Road. It cannot be policed 24/7. They will use local roads, our Beaconsfield Road is currently used by children who ride their bikes and play on the roads, people in wheelchairs, the local dog pound dog walkers use it daily, the fitness walkers, daily use it and we also have a childcare centre a few hundred metres from this proposal. Not the Right Site.

Our main concern is the pollution caused not only to us immediate residents but also to the residents of the surrounding towns of the affluent Burradoo and Bowral people from the historical westerly winds that prevail in our area. Also in this direction is the Shires water supply, Wingecarribee Dam, it also is in a direct line from the winds. The wastewater from this factory will also flow into the Wingecarribee River which in turn flows to the Warragamba Dam, Sydney's water supply, Science tells us that micro plastics cannot be removed from water. Not the Right Site.

The proponents of this factory, over the past 5 years that they have owned this property have failed to manage the weed and feral animal problems that we all have asked them to address, the weeds, Fire Weed, Patterson's Curse, Blackberry, Serrated Tussock, Cape Weed have spread to all adjoining properties and nothing has been done to address these issues when they have been informed. If they won't manage their own property, why would they manage a large potentially dangerous factory and adhere to the rules.

Fire!!, As a close resident and with the large amount of plastic factory fires it is inevitable that a fire will happen in this factory. We have many elderly residents in direct close proximity to this factory and as I have said before, our westerly winds, would blow the toxic fumes straight to the large Harbison Care retirement village at Burradoo, only about 3 klms east of this proposal, our local shire fire brigades are not set up to handle these type of fires and brigades would have to come from Wollongong, Goulburn or Campbelltown, we would all be dead by the time they got here. Not the right Site.

Our local council infrastructure, at this stage, cannot handle a factory of this magnitude, water, electricity, sewerage, roads are at a premium currently and relief is a long way off.

The proposed access from Douglas Road across the Boral Railway line is a major obstacle that is not an easy fix, the proposed road to the factory involves many other factors that will cost the proponent a fortune to build, and is close to two riparian areas that the plans seem to ignore.

The factory plans say that the trucks will enter through rapid opening roller doors, I have worked in factories where these doors were in use. A large semi-trailer cannot go through a rapid roller door in the blink of an eye



and close, the plastic, micro-plastics and nano-plastics have to escape. The exhaust stacks, we were told there are four, and when we asked the proponent about the escaping microplastics getting into the grasses (that the local farmers cattle, horses, sheep ingest) we were given the answer, "We will build bigger stacks" she just not understand and we are sure that, if approved, they will do whatever they want.

At one of our consultation meetings a few years ago, a local member of Parliament offered to help Plasrefine look for an alternate site which would be appropriate for them, and the answer was "we like it here".

In closing, I would just like to say that after my wife living in this, our home, for all her 72 years and myself, coming to her home since 1966 and living on this property since 1970 and living in Moss Vale all my 75 years, we raised our 3 children here, our grandchildren and great grandchildren have also lived here.

All I can hope for is that we can live the rest of our lives living in a clean and pollution free environment and that, in your wisdom you will come to the right decision for all concerned. Not The Right Site.
