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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed PasRefine Plastic Recycling Centre in Moss Vale. While the importance of plastic recycling is undeniable, the location of this facility raises serious concerns for the wellbeing of Moss Vale residents, the surrounding environment, and the local infrastructure.

First and foremost, the proximity of this industrial facility to residential areas is deeply troubling. Moss Vale, like many other parts of the Southern Highlands, is known for its peaceful, rural environment—an environment that would be severely disrupted by the noise, vibration, and industrial by-products associated with large-scale recycling operations. The health and wellbeing of residents should be prioritized, and having such a facility so close to homes is simply not compatible with a safe and comfortable living environment.

In addition, the environmental impact of this facility on Moss Vale and the surrounding areas cannot be overlooked. In addition, the lack of independent information about the possible impacts is also alarming. The potential risks to air and water quality are significant, and there has been insufficient transparency on how these concerns will be addressed. Moss Vale is a place of natural beauty, which is why people choose to live there and introducing an industrial-scale recycling centre will compromise this.

The site chosen for this facility also presents logistical and infrastructural problems. The Moss Vale area is already struggling with increased traffic congestion due to a rapidly growing population and numerous housing developments. The addition of large trucks transporting plastic waste in and out of the area, 24 hours 7 days a week, would only exacerbate these traffic issues, increasing the risk of accidents and further degrading the quality of life for local residents. The strain on roads and infrastructure should be carefully considered, as the impacts could be far-reaching.

Finally, it is disappointing to note that, despite clear opposition from both the council and the local community, the approval process for this project has proceeded. The displeasure and frustration of Moss Vale residents have been well-documented, yet their voices appear to be ignored. It is crucial that the concerns of the community are taken seriously and that alternative, more appropriate sites are considered. This is simply not the right location for a facility of this magnitude.

In conclusion, while the need for plastic recycling is essential, Moss Vale is not the right place for this project. The impacts on residents, the environment, and local infrastructure are too great. I urge the decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and find a more suitable site.
