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OBJECT

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Dear IPC,

My submission is to express my strong opposition the approval of the Plasrefine Plastics Recycling Facility in Moss Vale NSW. I have serious concerns about the impact to the environment, the health risks to the town, the traffic volumes of heavy vehicles proposed, and the lack of transparency with the development. There is no doubt that recycling plastic is important, but this site is not the right location for a facility of this type.

Impact to the environment.

** Moss Vale is located in the Southern Highland of NSW. A picturesque rural town surrounded by farms, wildlife and scenery. It's visited by thousands of tourists each year who come to enjoy the natural surroundings. It is not the right location for a huge recycling facility supplied by hundreds of trucks carrying plastic waste 24/7.*

** This proposed facility has the potential to impact the air quality of the area through emissions via the doors and ventilation stacks of the building.*

** This site is directly located near a stream that connects to the Wingecarribee river, which feeds water to the Sydney catchment. Any accidents or runoff would impact the water supply, local agriculture and the platypus and other wildlife in the surrounding waterways.*

Health risks.

** The close proximity to residential areas and farms increases the risk of exposure to toxic materials and fumes generated by the plastics recycling process.*

** Large trucks and the machinery required to run this facility generate significant noise that will impact local residents 24 hours a day. The site is 150m from residential housing.*

** If there was to be an plastic/chemical fire on this site, the southern highlands fire brigades do not have the capacity or resources needed to respond, with the nearest appropriately equipped teams over 45 minutes away at Campbeltown. This could cause a huge environmental disaster the area may never recover from.*

Traffic volumes.

** The numbers of semitrailer trucks and support vehicles that will travel to and from this site will impact the traffic congestion significantly. Moss Vale main roads already struggle to cope with the current traffic levels in peak times.*

** Google maps current fastest route from Goulburn to the proposed site takes heavy vehicles through Sutton Forest and into Moss Vale via the Illawarra Hwy, past local small businesses, Moss Vale public school, then into Lackey Rd and down residential streets.*

Poor Community Consultation and Consideration.

** Since this project began over 4 years ago, the group who are proposing to build and operate this facility have been evasive and vague when asked about the scope of the project and the potential environmental and health impacts on residents and the surrounding area. For them to consider this site as an appropriate location for*



Australia's largest plastic recycling facility suggests they have scant regard for the community and environment of the Moss Vale area.

Alternative Sites.

** I feel that this facility is best built in an industrial zone, with a rail or major road network supporting it, not a residential/semi rural area like Moss Vale. It is simply the wrong location for such a development.*

** The risks to the environment, public health and the community well-being far outweigh any potential benefits of this development. I strongly urge the IPC to reject this proposal and recommend exploring other sites that do not jeopardise the health and the environment of Moss Vale, the Southern Highlands and the greater Sydney basin.*
