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**OBJECT**

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*I am a member of the Moss Vale community, and have spent my entire life in the Southern Highlands. I, with my husband, am raising 3 young children within a small radius of the highly inappropriately proposed Plasrefine recycling facility. My children attend a local school that will be affected detrimentally by heavy vehicle traffic of obscene volumes, on small residential streets that are ALREADY dangerously congested. It is only a matter of time that a child is injured or killed, and the addition of numerous extra heavy vehicles on these roads as a result of this facility, is ludicrous at best. The traffic management aspect of this proposal is poorly thought out, with local council unable to keep up with the required repairs as it is. Local residents should not have to foot the bill for further remediation of our local roads that will inevitably result from such heavy vehicle usage of roads designed for light residential traffic only.*

*Further to this, I am extremely concerned about the impact on air and water quality of the proposed plastic recycling factory. The Southern Highlands is known widely as 'God's own country' - referencing the value widely placed on the area for its rolling green hills, clean air and aesthetic beauty. The pollution that is inevitable from such a facility will destroy the character not only of Moss Vale, but of the broader Southern Highlands as well. There will be flow on effects in the tourism and hospitality industries as a result, impacting the livelihoods of a significant proportion of residents. In reference to water quality, microplastics are a very serious, and very real concern. The area proposed for this development is within the Warragamba catchment area. Microplastics and forever chemicals that will absolutely end up in our waterways, will affect millions. It is a gross injustice that this proposal has come as far as it has - the complete disregard for health, livelihoods and the environments beggars belief.*

*Furthermore, the prevalence and frequency of fires within other recycling plants around the country is an enormous concern. With the 2019-2020 bushfires still in recent memory, we are only too aware of how poorly resourced we are as a community to deal with such a catastrophic fire which would arguably only be a matter of time. We simply do not have the firefighting resources to contend with such an event. The Southern Highlands is home to many elderly and vulnerable individuals. There is no way that such an event could be dealt with in a manner in which the effects could be effectively mitigated.*

*Thank you for reviewing my submission. Please, please, please do not allow the Plasrefine Plastic Recycling Facility to go ahead. For the future of our children, the survival of our local economies, and the health of our environment, please say NO.*

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