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OBJECT

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Understanding the plastic recycling plays a part in the circular economy and in fact recycling is a fair solution to an underlying problem that needs to also be addressed.

That said the problem with recycling plants for plastics have horror stories attached to them globally including those projects with the deepest backing from Fortune 500 companies that benefit from the recycling efforts due to their initial uses of plastics. Having a private company operating such a facility that is limited by shareholder investments limits the liability that the directors of such company would face if the whole business went completely wrong.

Sadly plastic refining in the two stages as is planned requires both mechanical and chemical processes to be used. Both having their own risks and issues.

When plants like this go wrong, exclusion zones need to be established with greater than kilometre radius which impacts many residential, business and effectively essential services being affected. That is why they are normally isolated from other areas to avoid potential disruption to surrounding communities. Sadly this is. It in an isolated area.

Given the proposed routes for both heavy and light traffic, the impacts of traffic congestion and flow seem to be well and truly down played by the reports and of course they would be, as sadly reports can say anything that the author is paid to study. No study commissioned and paid for by a company interested in developing a business would ever say anything but what the commissioning company has requested, at least in my many years of managing similar requests.

The infrastructure within the Southern Highlands is already poor, and adding both this volume of inbound and outbound heavy and light traffic will significantly impact a community that already is suffering with the same lacking infrastructure.

There are I'm sure many places in NSW that this plant could be built that are better suited to to business that Plasrefine wishes to establish and operate, but convenience of location to Sydney is most likely the real reason this site was chosen, as sadly their first choice for sites was in fact in the heavy industrial areas of western Sydney which strangely enough was rejected and most likely for the same reasons.

A case of wrong place wrong time and just bulldozing an approval through state planning against even the local council wishes seems counterproductive at best if not more concerning.

It would be great to understand the backing that Plasrefine has to understand further how likely this project could succeed and also help guide an understanding as to who ultimately us going to benefit from such a project.