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OBJECT

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Organisation: N/A	Key issues: <i>Social impacts, Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Traffic, Other issues</i>
Location: <i>New South Wales NSW</i>	
Attachment: N/A	

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback. While I live out of area, my sister lives close to the proposed site and I am familiar with the area and in shock over the Department of Planning recommending approval for Plasrefine.

The proposed Plasrefine site at Moss Vale is not appropriate for such a recycling plant:

- it is 200 metres from a residential area*
- there is inadequate transport and water infrastructure to support it*

These genuine concerns are further compounded by Plasrefine's lack of transparency regarding the type of chemicals it will use when recycling the plastics, and the lack of details on its social and environmental impacts. Moreover, throughout the consultation process, Plasrefine's representatives have held the local community in contempt through half-hearted attempts at community consultation meetings (where locals were intimidated and muzzled, and meetings held during flood events instead of being rescheduled) and through always being late with any submission updates, whereas the community were not given any such time extensions when submitting their feedback. This lack of genuine consideration by Plasrefine of the community's concerns over the project shows an arrogance that does not bode well for the community's future dealings with them - that is: their concerns do not matter. That the NSW Department of Planning has given their approval for this project only bolsters Plasrefine's contempt of the local community. There must be something wrong when a project gets approved in spite of hundreds of negative submissions, including from the local council and the local NSW MPs. Why bother asking for any community feedback if the plan was to approve Plasrefine's proposal all along? This whole process has made a mockery of the planning process and has left the community feeling voiceless and powerless. The only thing being recycled here is democracy and a fair go, to the point where they no longer exist in their purest form. The local community has no rights, has no freedom to determine what suits their local environment.