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*Similarly to the vast majority of Southern Highlands residents, I am unequivocally opposed to the Plasrefine proposal for Moss Vale and sincerely believe that the proposed location is "not the right site".*

*I am frankly astonished that this Development Application, which is essentially state sanctioned poisoning of a town in this beautiful and unique region, is still on the table.*

*The few support submissions to the Commission are unsurprisingly from non local residents, who will of course not be directly affected should the proposal be approved and the facility see the light of day. I wonder if any of these folk would be prepared to buy my property in the Moss Vale township at its current market value and live with the ramifications, both short and long term? I'd wager not.*

*I commend MP for Goulburn, Ms Wendy Tuckerman, for offering her assistance to the applicant to identify a more suitable site. Her gracious offer was made in good faith, but disappointingly the applicant has not extended the reciprocal courtesy to the citizens of Moss Vale, who have been treated with indifference for the duration of this fiasco. Transparency, a willingness to hear the other side and common respect, have sadly not been forthcoming.*

*Like my fellow residents, this proposal has weighed heavily on myself and my family for the last four years. The IPC must by now be well versed in the catalogue of concerns underlying our opposition. I don't intend to repeat them here, but I will emphasise the most important point at the very heart of this issue.*

*Whilst recycling is critical in supporting the environment, plastic is a noxious material which by its chemical composition is not biodegradable. It cannot be safely reduced to powder or pellet form. Plasrefine intends to subject different grades of plastic to destructive thermal combustion, which is a slightly less offensive term for incineration at prolonged high temperatures. This process cannot be contained within the facility and the toxic byproducts will be released into the environment. The ensuing contamination will be permanent. Micro and nanoplastic particulates are a documented environmental hazard, as they are electrostatic, enduring and will inevitably seep into waterways, into the soil and onto food sources, and most detrimentally, into our lungs and blood.*

*It is unfathomable that our incumbent state government and the DPHI can morally support this project. Does the welfare of the citizens of the Southern Highlands mean so little to our elected representatives that we can be considered "collateral damage"?*

*Australia is a vast continent with the unique resource of space. Surely a more appropriate location further away from the population can be found. Or is it simply that the proponent "just likes Moss Vale"? (This is a direct quote attributed to the proponent).*

*Apart from the intense frustration I feel, in practical terms I foresee a calamitous situation in years to come with costly litigious claims brought by workers and residents alike, with parallels to the ongoing debacle of mesothelioma and silicosis. Have we not learnt from past mistakes or are we destined to repeat them?*

*My one comfort is the knowledge that in a democracy, governments can be voted out. This fiasco is nothing more than a cynical cash grab and I am disillusioned and appalled that the thread leads back to a Labor Government. who has traditionally stood up for the interests of the common man.*



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*There is still time to do the right thing and I encourage the IPC to reflect long and hard before making a final recommendation. There is so very much at stake here.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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