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Dear Commissioners Mills, Sykes and Milligan

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions regarding the proposed Plasrefine facility in Moss Vale.

I start with an outline chronology to assist.

1962

Rachel Carson's work "Silent Spring" was published in 1962.

That publication established a worldwide public consciousness about the ecological dangers to the planet of pesticides and pollution.

1991

Premier Grenier resigns after ICAC investigation into his conduct regarding the stacking of staff in the Environmental Protection Agency.

1996

Colburn, Dumanoski and Meyers published "Our Stolen Future: Are We Threatening Our Fertility, Intelligence, and Survival?" in 1996. It was a best seller translated into 15 languages.

This publication examined health and environmental threats caused by man-made chemical contaminants which interfere with hormones in humans and wildlife. Endocrine disrupting chemicals alter the development of the fetus in the womb by interfering with the natural hormonal signals directing fetal growth. Their impacts, sometimes not detectable until years or decades after exposure, include reduced disease resistance, diminished fertility, and compromised intelligence and behaviour.

Plastic production and plastics in the environment were clearly shown to be estrogen mimicking compounds.

March 2021

Wingecarribee Shire Council has administrators appointed, such appointment was extended until September 2024.

The Council remains under a Performance Improvement Order.

October 2021

Premier Berijiklian resigns after ICAC investigation dubbed "Operation Keppel".

2023

Operation Keppel is published by the NSW ICAC which relevantly finds in relation to GHD, the consultants engaged in the Moss Vale Plasrefine project that:

“...analysis contained in the initial GHD business case was “utterly non-compliant with NSW Treasury guideline” [at 11.289]

and further

“the involvement of Mr Minucos (who it will be recalled was a political staffer in Mr Barilaro’s office) was an important part of the “peculiar” circumstances in which a further revision of the GHD business case was procured”. [at 14.139]

2024

After the IPC called for a public meeting, but prior to the public meeting being held, Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd (having been established only in 2020) again changes shareholding in the proponent entity but does not publicises the change in ownership.

Submissions

It has been known for decades that pollution in the environment has significant detrimental effects on humans.

NSW has a history of bipartisan corruption and deliberate policies to damage the environment.

Approving a factory in a residential area, downwind from schools and residences, and importantly the Garven Medical Research centre will cause significant damage to the endocrine systems of people near to, or downwind of, the factory. This is a statement of fact, not opinion.

The lack of any meaningful Local Government means local residence have had no Council or government funded o representative body to block the proposal to deliberately damage to the health of residents.

The reports of GHD are littered with errors.

Not long after the title page GHD has the Wingecarribee River flowing east, rather than west into Warragamba Dam – via the new Guula Ngurra National Park. Of course carrying microplastics into the Sydney water supply.

In any event, given the findings of ICAC the accuracy or honesty of any GHD reports can be dismissed.

That the proponent company, after maintaining a close relationship with GHD post ICAC, and changing its shareholding during the public consultation process indicates a company not concerned with being a good corporate citizen.

I am sure other submissions will take you to the fines and charges against entities related to the proponent.

Conclusion

The proponent and its consultants should not be believed.

To approve this project in a residential area, knowing the significant health effects that will occur to residents is unfathomable.

Any independent review of the facts and circumstances must find against the proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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