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OBJECT

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I object to the proposed development for several reasons:

- Traffic: Roads in the Southern Highlands are well-known to have congestion issues and are in terrible condition. An increase of 100-200 heavy vehicles daily on the roads in Moss Vale would be detrimental to the already poor state of the roads. Beaconsfield Road, Lackey Road, Taylor Avenue, Argyle Street and Berrima Road (on which I live), are all small roads which already suffer with current traffic load and will all suffer as a direct result of the increased heavy vehicle traffic;

- Micro plastics: there is no end to my concerns regarding the micro plastics that will be deposited into the environment by the proposed development. It is well documented that micro plastics are a global threat to human and environmental health. It is abhorrent that a major development which produces a high amount of micro plastics as a direct result of its operations has been proposed to be built in such close proximity to residents, waterways, productive farms, a medical research institute, childcare centres and schools, and this community;

- Fire: there is a distinct lack of regard in the proposal for the ill-equipped local emergency services should a fire break out in the proposed development. Similar developments that have caught fire recently in NSW have had enormous fires. The local branches of Fire NSW and the RFS would not cope. Furthermore, the close proximity of some residents to the site is of great concern should there be a fire;

- Air quality: the site that is to be used for the proposed development is a high wind area. For GHD to suggest that when the wind is strong, for residents to stay indoors and minimise time outside is ridiculous. As a home owner within 2km of this site, this is a deprivation of liberty inflicted directly by the proposed development. I have a young family and we spend a lot of time outside rain, hail or shine, be it in our backyard or at the bike track at the river, both are close to the site. Furthermore the air quality with a plastics facility nearby to my home causes serious concern for the value of my property to drop;

- Waterways: the site will be depositing waste and micro plastics into the Wingecarribee River which is a Sydney Water catchment, jeopardising drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents of the state;

- Tourism: the southern highlands is a tourist hub and generates millions through tourism each year, poor air quality and pollution potentially caused by the proposed development could be detrimental to the area;

To conclude: my partner grew up in this area and I have lived here with him for close to ten years. We bought our home 4.5 years ago before this site was bought by Plasrefine. We have a young family with a toddler and a newborn baby and live within a 1.5km radius of this site as the crow flies. We live on one of the main thoroughfares in Moss Vale that would be directly impacted in traffic flow caused by Plasrefine. We have many friends and family in this area with young children, some who have moved to this area recently and some waiting to build in the many residential developments around town. We, like many others, moved here to make roots and give our children wonderful rural small-town upbringings that we had. The impact of the proposed development threatens our family's values to have active, happy kids who love being outside. It threatens our drinking water. It threatens the air we breathe. It threatens the value of our property if we chose to move if it gets approved because of the poor water and air quality. It threatens our emergency services and resources. The list goes on and on.



Yes, Australia needs a facility like Plasrefine. But Beaconsfield Road Moss Vale is NOT THE RIGHT SITE.
