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**OBJECT**

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Organisation: <i>Berrima Residents Association</i>	Key issues: <i>Land use compatibility (surrounding land uses), Other issues</i>
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BERRIMA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*preserving Berrima's architectural heritage and natural environment*

## **Objection to the Plasrefine Project Moss Vale**

The Berrima Residents Association Inc (BRA) was formed in 1983 by village residents who have maintained a shared view of Berrima as a place to live and work and of development of the village and its environs. This view is expressed through the Objects of the Association, which include preserving the character of Berrima Village as being a largely intact 19<sup>th</sup> Century village, predominately Georgian in character.

Berrima's heritage significance is derived from the fact that the village is the only remaining settlement dating from colonial Georgian times to be preserved largely intact to the present day. The heritage of the village and its surrounding landscape curtilage was described by the well-respected landscape heritage consultant Colleen Morris in her 2017 study "*Cultural Landscape Assessment Berrima, Sutton Forest, Exeter Area.*" The study received a National Trust of Australia (NSW) award for the expert quality and recommendations of the report.

The BRA shares the concerns of other residents in the Shire, particularly those in the vicinity of the proposed plastics recycling plant in Moss Vale, for the impact on human health, air quality and impact on the water in the Wingecarribee River, which supplies Sydney with its drinking water. Berrima is located on the Wingecarribee River downstream from the proposed plant and is a nationally recognised as platypus hot-spot.

The Association is aware of lawsuits in the United States against similar recycling plants alleging environmental contamination. We are concerned that approval of this project raises the prospect of similar contamination in the surrounding areas, including Berrima village. The environmental risks associate with locating the plant in Moss Vale are serious and are not properly addressed or resolved in the application documentation, thus necessitating rejection of the proposal.

We understand the importance of plastics recycling, together with the economic advantages for the state, but the location of this large facility within 200 meters of residences, close to educational and childcare facilities, and immediately adjacent to a sensitive facility providing important medical research for Australia and the world, is not appropriate and is also at odds with the objectives of the Masterplan for the Southern Highlands Innovation Park (SHIP) and should therefore not be approved.

Yours sincerely

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