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Dear IPC Members,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Plasrefine plastics recycling facility.

I am most concerned about the environmental impacts of this proposed development, and have found the company's responses to local residents' extremely valid concerns to be severely lacking. Being told to simply "minimise time spent outdoors" to reduce our exposure to microplastics and other air pollutants is a ridiculous suggestion. I live within a few kilometres of the proposed development with my young family, directly in the path of prevailing westerly winds which blow strongly for 6 months of the year. We moved to this area so we could enjoy the clean air and pristine surroundings it provides. Being told to stay indoors to reduce our exposure is unacceptable (nor would it make a difference in the case of microplastics, which will be distributed throughout the Southern Highlands via high winds before falling to the ground). This proposal does not only impact the environment and residents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location - it will impact thousands of residents throughout Wingecarribee Shire, and will negatively affect the environment far beyond the facility's walls. The scientific community is only just beginning to study and learn about the dangers that microplastics pose to humans. The NSW EPA has no methodology for measuring microplastics in the air, has no idea what a 'safe' concentration of airborne microplastics is, and yet had no issues with this proposed development despite knowing full well that it would contribute a significant amount of microplastics to our air as part of the recycling process. It is disappointing that this proposal has advanced to this stage despite the NSW Government and the public knowing so little about the company which will be responsible for complying with the limited environmental regulations. What is clear is that this company has consistently shown little regard for the environment or the local residents who will be affected by the pollution it emits.

Aside from environmental concerns, Moss Vale simply does not have the infrastructure required to adequately support the proposed number of daily truck movements. It is a small regional town with surface streets already in poor condition, which will only be made worse by the endless stream of trucks should this proposal go ahead.

I will end with a question for the Committee: if this proposed development was located in your neighbourhood, with the pollution affecting you and your family, would you approve it? If your answer is no, then please don't approve it in ours.

Thank you for your consideration.
