

# Appendix B

Community engagement session meeting  
notes

# Moss Vale Plastics Recycling and Reprocessing Facility Community Engagement Sessions – meeting notes

22 March 2022

<b>Project name</b>	Moss Vale Plastics Recycling and Reprocessing Facility
<b>Overview</b>	A total of 6 engagement sessions, were conducted with the community of Moss Vale in a span of 3 days. An online session was held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of March. This was followed by 5 engagement sessions held at Exeter Village Hall, on the 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> of March.
<b>Date / Time</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March: Online 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> : In Person
<b>Project team attendees</b>	<b>Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd</b> Nancy Zheng –Director <b>GHD</b> Alison Barnard David Gamble Sofie-Mason Jones Ben Fraser Nina Salvador Lauren Xuereb

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No session was filled to capacity, and no prospective attendee was turned away. The team conducted an on the ground assessment prior to holding the sessions, including driving area roads and inspecting the venue. The area had no areas of water accumulation, all roads were passable, and the days were sunny and free of any rain.

A summary of all issues raised is provided below. These were addressed during the sessions. Many of the answers are already contained in the EIS, or the FAQs on the Plasrefine Recycling website.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Truck / Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Types of trucks to be used, which companies will be procured and whether material delivery would be outsourced.</li> <li>– Technical assessments of truck movements and increased traffic.</li> <li>– Haulage routes, who determines them and how they were determined.</li> <li>– Potential concentration of traffic and congestion with the usage of Beaconsfield Road</li> <li>– Whether Lackey Road will be upgraded to accommodate additional trucks (noting its current poor state in parts)</li> <li>– How will commuters enter Lackey Rd other than Argyle Street?</li> <li>– Will there be specific road signage for both the general public and trucks using Moss Vale Roads?</li> <li>– How the alternative new road (discussed in the EIS) might impact on the neighbouring properties</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether the 1-month time frame of building the section of road that is proposed in the EIS is achievable.</li> </ul>
Road usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who will be responsible for maintenance of roads</li> <li>- What routes will the trucks follow and whether they are capable of handling such heavy loads.</li> <li>- How accurate is the truck schedule, and how will truck movements be monitored?</li> <li>- Why hasn't Plasrefine Recycling already built an access road for the building of the site infrastructure.</li> <li>- Impact on Beaconsfield Road to the public during the construction phase of the new road.</li> <li>- Whether trucks will be making hook-turns</li> <li>- Request for better understanding of how the roads will be used during the construction phase</li> <li>- Will the proposed new road be maintained by Council?</li> <li>- Why does the new road not extend past the site to the west.?</li> <li>- What is the width of the new proposed road (Braddon Road)?</li> <li>- Is the new access road level on the same level as Beaconsfield Road)?</li> <li>- Comments made about lack of traffic planning in Council's MVEC plans.</li> <li>- How will the weight of the trucks impact on the roads?</li> </ul>
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is the plastic facility really 'heavy industrial' and whether this fits the 'industrial' zoning of the land. How is the activity categorised?</li> <li>- Should the zone be categorised as IN3- Heavy Industrial and not IN1 – Industrial ?</li> <li>- Potential for consultant bias when evaluating the zoning and appropriate uses.</li> </ul>
Land ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has landowners consent been obtained from the Garvan ?</li> <li>- Potential impact of surrounding lots, e.g. fallen trees</li> <li>- Has landowners consent been obtained from the owners of all land that is impacted?</li> </ul>
Land related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voluntary Planning Consent(VPA) relating to road construction and other infrastructure needs.</li> </ul>
Plastic processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What happens to the plastics that can't be recycled?</li> <li>- Is contamination of land fill and ground water likely?</li> <li>- Where is the waste anticipated to be coming from?</li> <li>- Where will non-recyclable waste be disposed of, what will it consist of, and how much will there be?</li> <li>- UPVCB- flakes from the pellets of the plastics: What is happening with these plastics.</li> <li>- Use of a disinfectant solution in regard to processing plastic, has this been tested in Australia and is it meeting Australian standards.</li> </ul>
Aboriginal heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How have Aboriginal stakeholders been engaged, have they participated in the consultation of this project?</li> <li>- What are the impacts on artefacts and sensitive sites within the project site?</li> <li>- Were local elders consulted?</li> <li>- There have been concerns from the Woronora Plateau Gundungara Elders Council and Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants about wanting any reburied artefacts to remain on site. How will these artefacts remain undisturbed and remain to be protected throughout the construction phase and when in operation?</li> <li>- Will artefacts on the access road be removed despite their cultural significance?</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What mitigation methods will be used to minimise the impact of sludge, pollution and chemicals used to treat the plastic</li> <li>- What will be the impacts of diesel trucks, and have their emissions been assessed?</li> <li>- What concentrations of emissions will be emitted from the facility?</li> <li>- Will the plant impact on human health the long-term?</li> <li>- Will people working within the facility have their health impacted?</li> <li>- What guidelines will ensure the safety of the people and workers?</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why was there no independent, environmental management representative used in this project ?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why is there no Environmental Protection Licence yet issued?</li> <li>- Why is the site located within proximity to riparian zones?</li> <li>- Despite the enclosed facility, is there any possibility of leakage to waterways?</li> <li>- Will hazardous materials and chemicals be used within the processing facility?</li> <li>- Will there be trash/sludge from the plastic recycling site itself and how will this impact surrounding vegetation?</li> <li>- Will there be odours from the facility?</li> <li>- Will assessments be conducted to ensure that there is no breach of any of the licence/guidelines? How will they be enforced?</li> <li>- Will water usage during drought periods impact on the community</li> </ul>
EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where to find various specific information within the EIS?</li> <li>- Why are operational plans or detailed building designs not included in the EIS?</li> <li>- Which government body determines consent in relation to the proposal.</li> <li>- Why has there not been an independent fire assessment ?</li> <li>- What guidelines are being used in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire risk assessments</li> <li>• Storage of waste materials</li> <li>• Bushfire Assessment</li> <li>• Flooding Assessments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Compliance and enforcement related issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who conducts air quality maintenance and measures levels of air pollution?</li> <li>- What guidelines is the air quality being assessed by, and is there bias in these guidelines.</li> <li>- Will particles affect the air quality in the area?</li> </ul>
Social impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is the project following the new SEARs guidelines?</li> <li>- Why was this project not subjected to SEPP 33 – Hazardous Industry?</li> <li>- Why was an independent social impact assessment not conducted?</li> </ul>
Plasrefine Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who will operate the facility once operational?</li> <li>- What is the legality of the project, does the proponent have a social licence and approval from the community?</li> <li>- What factors have been considered and what conclusion was made that Moss Vale is the most suitable site in comparison to Parkes?</li> <li>- Why was this specific location chosen for the proposal?</li> <li>- What sort of energy will the site be using and how will the company ensure that residences aren't impacted by its energy usage?</li> <li>- Will renewable energy be used?</li> <li>- What sort of technology will be used in processing such plastics</li> <li>- Since it is Australia's first Plasrefine Recycling Site, how will the company ensure that it follows Australian standards?</li> <li>- How does Plasrefine Recycling relate to the Parkes Facility Centre</li> <li>- Will employees be sourced from the local area and will they be Australian employees?</li> <li>- How many people will be needed per shift, and what percentage of employment will be guaranteed to be Australian?</li> <li>- Where else have plastic recycling plants been built?</li> <li>- Will there be a possibility of the site expanding post approval ?</li> <li>- What is the likelihood of the construction phase being extended?</li> <li>- How long will the facility be in operation?</li> </ul>
Noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will there be noise impacts during construction and operation, and will they disrupt day to day activities?</li> <li>- How were noise levels tested and assessed?</li> <li>- Who assessed truck noise and how was the criteria formulated?</li> <li>- Will truck frequency disturb mice at the neighbouring site?</li> <li>- There is an existing sand and gravel yard in Moss Vale that generates loud truck reversing noise - will this kind of noise also occur?</li> <li>- Can trucks come in forward-facing to avoid reversing alarms?</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Concerns that people to the north will potentially receive greatest noise</li> </ul>
Visual amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The building are high – how is the design sympathetic of its surroundings?</li> <li>– How will visual amenity be maintained as some changes to the landscape will be irreversible?</li> <li>– How much of the landscape will be altered and how will the impact be minimised</li> <li>– What night lighting will be used on site and how far will the illumination of these lights extend?</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Why did some residents did not receive leaflets that were sent out?</li> <li>– Why did council refuse previous subdivision of the site?</li> </ul>



*Image 1: Nancy, the Plasrefine Recycling Director Engaging with the Moss Vale Community Members*



*Image 2: GHD Technical Director Sofie, and Nancy engaging with the community of the Plasrefine Recycling Proposal*



*Image 3: GHD Technical Director David, elaborating on site boundaries to the community*



*Image 4: GHD Engagement Team, holding a smaller group session with 2 interested Moss Vale Residents*



*Image 5: GHD Engagement Team holding the first in person engagement session*



*Image 6: Nancy the Plasrefine Recycling Director introducing herself to the community members*



*Image 7: Picture of the venue, despite concerns about impacts of recent weather, the venue was accessible.*