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SDD-9409987 Plasrefine Pty Ltd

I am OPPOSED to the above application

I also note that nothing has changed in the new proposal, except the haulage route.

While I am a Sydney resident, my mother lives right next door to the site. Her little home is adjacent. I visit her regularly now that she is moving on in her years but she is an intelligent and healthy woman and has been actively involved in helping helping all realise that for good reason, this is not the right site.....at all. Our whole family are actively supporting her. We love this quiet end of the road...a recycling factory is a stressor for all.

THE PROPOSED BUILDINGS

The footprint and GHD diagrams show that the two buildings 1 and 2 stretch from the northern boundary to the southern boundary, 3.5 hectares of a 7.7 hectare block. 4.2 hectares is made of of riparian waterways, drains and gullies and there is limited accessibility on 3 sides of the project. With a chimney of 22 metres and building of 16.5 metres, this is going to be such an eyesore for local residents and also those who enjoy a clear view currently. The building is so big....not the right site.

TOXIC TRANSMISSIONS

Having lived and visited in this home adjacent to the site, there needs to be an awareness of the strong and prevalent westerly winds. These are violent at times, known to uproot trees, lift fences and tear at roofs, even lifting them. Micro Particles will travel far and wide, landing on paddocks, roofs, dams, water storage tanks and will eventually make their way into the Warragamba Dam which then feeds Sydney Water. This becomes not only an environmental but a human health hazard. And where is the toxic sludge going to be taken? There is not enough detail on this.

FIRE HAZARD

Recently in the news I note incidences of a fire in a Plastic Waste Facility. They DO happen. Should Plasrefine experience a fire, the toxic smoke would result in a real health hazard near and far. There are no bush fire brigades stationed in the Southern Highlands equipped to deal with a toxic blaze. This is a windy pocket of land. It can rip through there from all directions. To note, a Plastic Recycling fire burns with extreme ferocity and is hard to contain. Plasrefine would not have enough water to cope with a fire disaster.

This is all causing local residents a lot of stress. This is their beautiful environment that they have cared about for decades. I still cannot understand why a Chinese owned operation would be allowed to build on such an illogical, landlocked site which needs millions of dollars to relocate a rail crossing on a council road in order to gain access. A row of beautiful, protected eucalyptus trees will also need to be removed on the newly proposed access road. Moss Vale will become a dumping ground for recycling.

This is just not the right site.

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