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SSD-9409987 Plasrefine Pty Ltd

I am opposed to the above application

My name is Meaghan Ansell, and I am writing this submission to express my deepest opposition regarding the Plasrefine development proposed in Mossvale, New South Wales.

There are many concerns to the development which I hold, but one of the most important is that of the community it is going to directly affect. In particular, my grandmother Jean Mckern of 72 Beaconsfield Rd, who resides directly across from the proposed site. Her home is a place overlooking the beautiful Mossvale countryside, one which would be spoiled should the site development go ahead. It is currently a sanctuary where family, including many grandchildren (and great-grandchildren) come to visit. It is a place for which Jean (or “Dukes” as she is affectionately known by her grandchildren) has called home for many decades. We are concerned as a family, of the great stress it would bring to my grandmother, not to mention the potential toxic implications that this refinery may bring to the landscape.

Furthermore, it seems there are regular reports of fires within plastic waste facilities, and should a fire occur within Plasrefine, the toxic smoke would result in a terrible health hazard near and far. There are often high winds in the area, and as there are no bush fire brigades stationed in the Southern Highlands equipped to deal with a toxic blaze, fanned by winds from West, NW, NE, E, SE, and SW, any incident such as this could be catastrophic for the community.

Why an Australian government would want to allow such an undesirable, and expensive endeavor to go ahead does not make any sense. And for it to ignore the outcries of its local community is beyond appalling. It is absolutely not the right choice to build such a hazardous, noisy & environmentally unsound development, especially as there are so many other more appropriate sites, away from civilians, away from beautiful native landscape & livestock, and away from hardworking, tax-paying Australians.

Once again, I urge you to reconsider the proposed development of Plasrefine, not just for the sake of my grandmother Jean Mckern who lives in close proximity to the site, but also for the sake of the greater community who would all suffer immensely should this development go ahead.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kindest,

Meaghan Ansell