

Director - Industry Assessments, Development of Planning and Environment

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SSD-9409987 Plasrefine Pty Ltd.

Emma Barnett

I am opposed to the above application.

My name is Joel Wardle, and I am writing this submission to express my strong opposition regarding the Plasrefine development proposed in Moss Vale, New South Wales.

I write to you today with a heavy heart and an overwhelming sense of urgency as I express my vehement opposition to the proposed Plasrefine Plastic Recycling Centre in our beloved Moss Vale, New South Wales. The very thought of this facility being established in our close-knit community fills me with grave concern, and I implore you to reconsider this detrimental decision.

Our pristine environment is a treasure, and the proposed Plasrefine facility threatens to tarnish its purity. The process of recycling plastic waste, while commendable in principle, may inadvertently unleash pollution and toxic emissions into our air and water. The very elements that define the allure of Moss Vale - clean air, crystal-clear water, and breathtaking natural beauty - stand at risk of being despoiled by this facility.

Additionally, the imminent increase in vehicular traffic, as plastic waste is transported to and from the facility, is a nightmare for our tranquil neighborhood. The peace and serenity that we cherish will be disrupted, and the air we breathe will be further contaminated by exhaust fumes. This is not the future that we envisioned for Moss Vale, and it is an affront to the quality of life we hold dear.

Of paramount concern is the wellbeing of our community members, especially our children. Placing this facility in such close proximity to residential areas and schools is an act of recklessness. The release of harmful emissions and the potential for accidents in the handling of plastics pose grave risks to our loved ones. Our neighborhood should be a sanctuary, a place where our children can grow and thrive without fear or harm.

The economic fallout of this decision is equally distressing. Property values in Moss Vale are bound to plummet, causing financial hardship for homeowners and landlords alike. This facility threatens the very livelihoods of those who have invested their hearts and souls in our beautiful community.

Surely, there are more suitable alternatives for addressing the plastic waste crisis. It is imperative that we advocate for safer, more environmentally friendly methods. We must preserve the sanctity of our beloved Moss Vale and find a location that is less densely populated, less environmentally sensitive, and far removed from our community's heart.

I implore you to heed the collective voice of our community, which cries out against this ill-conceived proposal. Moss Vale deserves better; our natural beauty deserves protection. I beseech you to undertake a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and consider the profound implications of your decision.

This is clearly not the right site. The horrifying news of the Keysborough Plastic fire in February earlier this year simply cannot be ignored. Such a fire ripped through the regions of Melbourne and residents had to stay indoors due to the harmful chemicals and toxins in the air. 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.

This is NOT THE RIGHT SITE and the above factors must be actioned and for the betterment of the greater community.

Sincerely,

Joel Wardle