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Re: Application No: SSD-9409987

Moss Vale Plastics Recycling & Reprocessing Facility  
(Plasrefine Recycling Pty Ltd)

As a concerned resident & “sensitive receiver” of the proposed Moss Vale Plastics Recycling & Reprocessing Facility development, I wish to lodge my objection to the project.

My family lives 1km south of the site on Stables Place off Beaconsfield Rd. We purchased our home in 2007 as it was a quiet residential/semi-rural area with cul-de-sacs & no through traffic. Our family has been deeply concerned by this proposal for a number of reasons.

The Southern Highlands is a rural area not far from Sydney known for its pristine, green environment & bracing climate. The State government has deemed Wingecarribee Shire to be a growth corridor and as such, along with the decentralisation or population shift due to COVID-19, the shire’s population is rapidly growing. As a tourism professional, I believe such developments will have an adverse & long-lasting impact on tourism within the area as a whole & particularly negative for nearby Moss Vale & Burradoo businesses including tourism attractions, & the National Trust listed heritage village of Berrima.

Moss Vale is the home of Wingecarribee Shire Council & is a bustling town serving the shire’s southern villages. The town is dissected by the Illawarra Highway & the southern railway line. The town is struggling with increased traffic from recent housing developments, local & through traffic that is funnelled along Argyle Street, the town’s main thoroughfare. Traffic jams are common & driving around town is slow despite the locals utilising side street detours to move beyond traffic hot spots. Argyle Street is at capacity.

The Moss Vale Plastics Recycling & Reprocessing Facility will further overload Moss Vale’s traffic problem by adding a significant number of additional car movements through town as their staff travel to & from work. The natural route for staff vehicles will be down Lackey Road & surrounding streets towards Argyle Street. This intersection is notorious for the difficulty in turning left onto Argyle Street with a right turn almost impossible for much of the day. Cars are often lined up to the Garrett Street intersection & sometimes beyond.

North-west Moss Vale has not been developed for heavy traffic. The road network is poor & the area’s infrastructure substandard with a lack of street width, kerb & guttering, no sealed shoulders, poor pavement condition & no line-marking. To the north of the pre-school Beaconsfield Road becomes very narrow & steep. Sight distance is compromised from the side roads particularly from

Stables Place. Footpaths are rare despite a significant amount of foot & bicycle traffic due to the pre-school & nearby primary school. Cars have to swerve to avoid oncoming vehicles & pedestrians.

The area is a growing residential area within Moss Vale with a mix of urban infill, semi-rural blocks with some light industrial.

School buses are unable to travel along Beaconsfield Road north of Lytton Road. Children can regularly be seen running or walking along the edge of the road towards home. The bus stop is on Lytton Road near the intersection with Beaconsfield Road, parents park at the intersection to pick up their children.

The proposal hinges on the use of Lytton & Beaconsfield Road during the construction phase to transport materials & heavy machinery to the site. I object to the use of this route as it will compromise safety of residents & other road users.

During the community consultation meetings GHD representatives indicated that if they can't gain access to the site via the extension of Braddon Road to Lackey Road, they will use Beaconsfield & Lytton Road as their operational access. That would be highly concerning & could lead to serious accidents & other negative impacts.

It is also concerning that to date they haven't received permission from surrounding landowners to use their properties to construct Braddon Road as their access. Resumption of land would be undesirable.

We are concerned by the Council's prior lack of future planning capacity & consultation with residents. There was no communication or discussion regarding the rezoning of this part of Moss Vale specifically & the impact of the development of the MVEC on nearby residents.

To date there has been no industrial developments of this magnitude in the SHIP & as such there has been no litmus test of the level of impact this project will cause.

Although we agree with the worthiness of this project we strongly object to its location.