

**Director-Industry Assessments
Planning Group
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility
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I am AGAINST tis proposal.

The following are my concerns.

My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

For the 70 years I have been here I have watched it basically stay the same sleepy hill that I knew as a child, a gravel road became bitumen in 1968 and two more homes have been built. After marriage I bought my parent's home and we have raised our three children here where they have had the experience of playing and growing wandering through open paddocks, riding horses, and living like bush kids should be living.

We have five beautiful acres which overlook amazing views of Mount Gibraltar at Bowral as well as Oxley Hill and surrounding farmlands that will be lost forever if this proposed abomination of a dirty, toxic, smelly, plastic recycling factory is allowed to proceed.

The traffic that this is proposed to generate is something that cannot be allowed on our narrow, flimsy country road. Plasrefine have said that they will use Beaconsfield Road for their construction of the proposed Braddon Road (east) and the Braddon Road (west, paper road). This will mean months, possibly years of road construction all the time using Beaconsfield Road with their trucks and machinery. (GHD say that the road will be built in a month? Maybe the State Government need to get them to build their Sydney expressways) They then say that if they cannot procure the eastern land section off the Garvan institute for their access to the factory from Lackey Road then they will use Beaconsfield Road as their "LAWFUL" access to their site for the road construction AND for their operations of the factory, yet in contrast to GHD's EIS, our Wingecarribee Shire Council stated that they cannot use Beaconsfield Road for either the road construction or for the factory operations as it not structured to carry these truck movements that are stated as being 50 each way, 19 metre long 20 tonne trucks daily and then add to that the waste removal and other deliver trucks plus up to 260 plus, light vehicle movements per day.

The visual impact, to not only us, which will be enormous, but will destroy one of the most beautiful vista's in the Southern Highlands. It will also impact many other residents.

A 7.7 hectare huge concrete block rising to 18 metres in height would be, to our family and the other impacted neighbours, like putting a 30 story block of units in front of Uluru.

The site has two category 2 riparian areas running through it that have to be contained and retained to 20 metres either side of the highest bank of the creek. In GHDs EIS factory site plan this is not achievable. The eastern riparian creek looks like it has been concreted over in their plans turning it into a drain (possibly not a legal option)

One thing we are worried about is that as we are one of the closest residents to this site is that when a fire breaks out (which plastic factories are notorious for) it will be a catastrophic event and our Southern Highlands fire stations are not equipped or trained in fighting these types of fires. At a recent fire in Bowral where a block of shops were destroyed and our

brigades were not able to confine it. A special fire unit had to come from Campbelltown to combat it. Most importantly, Australian BioResources, Garvan mouse research facility next door would also be in constant danger with well over 40,000 rodents in their building. They would be destroyed by toxic burning plastic smoke and heat causing irreplaceable damage to Australia's scientific health research developments. Plus our residential homes and occupants would also be subjected to the same toxicity.

Not only is the chance of a catastrophic potential fire danger realistic, we as residents all over the Southern Highlands will be covered by cancer causing Micro-plastic fallout. GHD say that the micro-plastic fibres will be contained inside the factory walls by using fast opening roller doors and will only be opened when a truck is reversing in and close whilst it is inside the building. It doesn't matter how fast the roller doors are, the question is how fast can a driver safely reverse a 19 metre truck into a building? The other thing is that GHD have said that they have changed the design of the building so that the truck entry doors will now face the west to limit the trucks reverse beeper and engine noises to local residents, but most of the Southern Highland winds are westerly's which will swirl the micro-plastics around the factory and out the doors and into Bowral, Burradoo, Moss Vale, Berrima and all over the highlands.

When perusing the Plasrefine EIS compiled by GHD they say that they will, after washing and cleaning the plastics that they will be flaked, then some of those flakes will be heated and made into pellets and ALSO there will be 9000 tonnes per annum of UPVC (Unplasticized Poly Vinyl Chloride) milled Powder produced for sale. When GHD experts were asked what is this powder in the EIS at an Exeter community session on 9-3-2022, they didn't have an answer to what it is (page 90 in the EIS, 7.5.2 - 7.5.5 – 7.5.6) but said they would find out and let us know. They wrote the EIS and yet, could not and have not answered us. Incompetency at its best.

GHD had a community engagement meeting at Moss Vale Services Club on 18-11-2021 where 200 disgruntled local residents ended up walking out as the falsehoods that were told riled everyone up. The next round of community gatherings were held on the 9th and 10th of March at Exeter Hall some 12 klms from Moss Vale, 2 sessions on the Wednesday and 3 on the Thursday. Now this was during the floods and people would not travel (only one session was held from 5.30 to 7.30 so workers could attend).

We approached GHD (as did others) and asked why can't it be held in Moss Vale and was told that they had been in touch with the Services Club and that they were booked out. We have been members of that club for 50 years and the manager and the booking ladies swore that they had never had a call from GHD for the hiring of the rooms. More untruths.

I could go on and on but I am sure that sanity will prevail and this terrible proposal will be deemed inappropriate for this site.

Yours Sincerely

