

Media Release

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Wingecarribee Shire Council Rejects Plasrefine Plastics Recycling Facility Proposal

On Wednesday, the Wingecarribee Shire Council voted unanimously to reject the Plasrefine proposal to build a plastics recycling facility in the Southern Highlands. This decision reflects a strong stance from local leaders and community members against the project.

Federal Member Stephen Jones MP today stated, "I have also viewed the location of this proposed recycling facility, and it is my belief that it is in the wrong place." Echoing this sentiment, State Member Wendy Tuckerman MP in her recent presentation to Parliament remarked, "The simple fact is that the Moss Vale site is not the right location for a facility of this magnitude. The department should not endorse a proponent with a history of failing to manage and protect environmental outcomes." Additionally, State Member Judy Hannon MP criticised the initiative, claiming that "the State Government is trying to dump its dirty infrastructure onto the regions."

This collective disapproval from all three levels of government highlights a critical concern: there is zero social license for this project at this site.

Local representatives are calling for the recommendation for approval from the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure to be overturned, emphasising the importance of community and government support in development decisions.

The strong community opposition is further demonstrated by the overwhelming participation in the Independent Planning Commission's meetings, with over 135 speeches being delivered over 3 days and more than 350 submissions received, ahead of the November 25 deadline.

Residents have welcomed the opportunity to be heard. They have made it clear that they do not support this development and are standing firm in their commitment to protect the Southern Highlands.

The Independent Planning Commission meetings Day 2 resumes Friday 01 November at 10am.

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Resources

DPHI Recommendations

State Significant Development Assessment Report:

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=SSD-9409987%2120241010T041046.799%20GMT>

Development Consent Meetings

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)'s Independent Planning Commission (IPC) is holding three meetings where community representatives and members of the public are invited to make oral submissions:

Monday 28th October 2024 from 9am (in-person)
Bowral Memorial Hall, 16-24 Bendooley Street, Bowral

Friday 1st November 2024 from 10am (in-person)
Bowral Memorial Hall, 16-24 Bendooley Street, Bowral

Tuesday 12th November 2024 from 10am (online)
Livestreamed online and at Bowral Memorial Hall

Written Submissions

Written submissions close on Tuesday 19th November and can be made online:

www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/make-a-submission-forms/moss-vale-plastics-recycling-facility