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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to DA2023/0130

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge my opposition to the building of an Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe.

Having read the traffic report, it is VERY light on information re current traffic loads on Church St near the site. Further it fails to place any significance on the constraints of the site's locality, particularly in view of its proximity to a narrow bridge, a meandering section of road and the fact that, other than Council garbage vehicles, the trucks that will transport the waste from the site will be up to 20 metres in length. Manouverabilty of these large trucks in this confined area will be problematic.

The trucks will most likely travel through Lidcombe and have to traverse the roundabouts located near the site. Common sense would suggest, surely, that the most sustainable route of travel for this waste would be to take the waste directly to the site where it will eventually be processed, instead of double-handling of the waste.

The advertising of the plant as an 'Organic Waste Transfer Station' is also misleading as the SEE, on page 40 & 41 clearly states that much more than what most people would consider as 'organic waste' can be collected and dumped at the site.

There has been, and currently is, significant development occuring near the site. The proximity of a dense residential area so close to the site is concerning. Living with the Aqueous Waste Plant and the Waste Transfer Station on Hill Rd in close proximity, I can assure you that smells from these plants are, at times, overbearing. With the best of intentions, I fail to see that there would be a different outcome from this Transfer Station, especially given that much of the waste will be kitchen and other organic waste, which may been in garbage bins for up to a week prior to Council collection.

Please do not dismiss opposition to this plant as merely NIMBY. We have nearby the Aqueous Waste Plant, the Waste Transfer Station and Medical Waste treatment plants. While there is a valid call for a plant such as this, it would be better located in an area away from high density residential.

I attended a rally in Phillip's Park, Lidcombe today, called at short notice, and I have attached a few photographs which I took. Bear in mind that much of the attendance came from 'word of mouth' as the Local paper is no longer delivered to households and the fact that Council's DAs are no longer reported in the Local paper anyway. As a long time Lidcombe resident, this is the best turn out for a matter of community interest that I have seen, and hopefully the welfare of those residents around the site will be given significant weight by the Panel when determining this DA.