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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe. I believe that this development will have a negative impact on the local community and environment.

One of the major concerns about the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe, is the traffic impact. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) estimates that there will be 118 truck movements daily through town and/or residential areas, but the timeframes of these movements are unclear and inconsistent. Moreover, this transfer station will be used for councils across the Sydney metropolitan area, which means that transport and waste will come from all directions and increase the congestion and pollution on the Lidcombe road network. This will also damage the roads and roundabouts, which will require maintenance by the Council. Furthermore, there is a risk of rubbish flying out of the trucks, even if they are supposed to be covered, which will create litter and hazards on the streets.

Another concern is the hours of operation as they go significantly over the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The EIS states that the operation will run from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on weekdays, 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturdays, and no operations on Sundays and public holidays. However, these timeframes may expand depending on the business need. The DCP, on the other hand, specifies that the operation should run from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm on weekdays and Saturdays, and nothing on Sundays. This means that the proposed operation will disrupt the residential amenity and cause noise and disturbance to the nearby residents.

Odour control is another issue that has not been adequately addressed by the EIS and other reports. There is no absolute assurance that odour from the site can be controlled, especially when trucks are travelling through to the site. This will impact both commercial entities and residential areas in Lidcombe, as well as affect the health and well-being of the people living and working nearby.

The location of the proposed transfer station is also inappropriate for such a development. While it is zoned as industrial, it is within very close proximity – less than 100 metres – to residential areas. There is significant public housing, affordable housing and units that are almost completed construction in very close proximity. The DCP also indicates that 'The hours of operation are managed to ensure residential amenity is protected' (item 2.12 – Operational Management). However, this proposed operation completely unprotects the residential amenity and contradicts the DCP. Moreover, it extracts from the amenity of the public open area of the Pippita Rail Trail, which is intended for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces.

Finally, there are concerns about the potential future tip operations and how they will be

monitored and regulated by Cumberland City Council. If it is approved, how will Council ensure that the operator complies with the approved operations? What penalties will Council impose on the operator if they go outside the approved operations? What if the transfer station expands to become a tip for everything (garbage, recycling, green waste, FOGO and building waste (including asbestos))? How will Council monitor and prevent such expansion? These are questions that need to be answered before any approval is given for this development.

I urge you to consider these concerns and reject the application for the Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe.

Sincerely