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Dear Council,

I am the owner of lidcombe,

I am writing to formally lodge an objection to the proposed development of an organic waste station at the address mentioned above.

While I am an advocate for reducing the amount of green waste going into landfills, I initially hesitated to object to the development based solely on traffic concerns. I understand the need for waste management, but choosing a location adjacent to an almost completed high-rise development seems like an unconventional choice. I empathise with the new residents of Lidcombe and future ratepayers who are unaware that their new homes will be situated next to a waste facility. They have not received any notice regarding this development, which is particularly concerning considering there are approximately 450 new units in the complex. These new units are clearly visible from the proposed site, contrary to what is claimed on page 31 of the environmental impact study, which states that residents from the north and west are shielded from view.

The potential traffic effects on Church St have yet to be evaluated with the addition of the new units. The area already experiences congestion, and now residents will be attempting to exit their undercover parking areas directly onto Church St. I can only imagine the dangers that may arise when two 20-meter trucks meet at the narrow underpass from Church St to Railway St.

Upon reviewing the multiple documents provided to the council by the developer, I am objecting to the proposed development on both traffic and environmental grounds.

Referring to the facility as an "organic waste transfer station" is highly misleading. Initially, I envisioned our green waste bins being sorted and sent to appropriate facilities for composting or mulching. However, our council does not provide food bins, which means we would be catering to other council areas. It is necessary to read up to page 40 of the 193-page environmental impact study to discover that the developer's definition of green waste differs significantly from what the general public perceives as green waste.

In their definition, green waste includes demolition waste, lead paint scrapings, and plastic, but excludes asbestos. Food waste, categorised as putrescible, encompasses disposable nappies, manure, animal waste, and litter bin materials. Essentially, it appears that all types of garbage will be processed at this facility, despite nappies generally not being disposed of in the green bins.

According to the information provided, if materials such as asbestos are found in

the stockpile, they will be rejected and the truck driver will be responsible for removing them. However, with only 2-4 full-time workers on site, it is difficult to envision how this will be consistently accomplished. Moreover, the new facility will not contribute significantly to employment opportunities in the area.

Page 39 of the environmental impact study suggests that if odour becomes an issue, they will use a mixture of 50% caustic sodium hydroxide and hypochlorite to mitigate the problem. It is important to note that there are vulnerable individuals residing in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site.

The hours of operation remain unclear. The development application requests operating hours from 4am to 8pm, deviating from the usual 7am-6pm timeframe permitted elsewhere. In contrast, the environmental impact study states operating hours from 6am to 10pm. This discrepancy is of particular concern to residents living in close proximity. Both options indicate 16-hour days from Monday to Friday, with a half-day on Saturdays, still totaling 8 hours!

In conclusion, I firmly believe that this proposed facility is unsuitable for the area and will have significant environmental impacts on an increasingly densely populated region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the concerns raised in this objection.

Yours sincerely,