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Reason for Objections:

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposed construction of an Organic Waste Transfer Station on 109A Church Street in Lidcombe, as outlined in Development Application (DA) 2023/0130. As a concerned resident and member of the Lidcombe community, I would like to bring your attention to the significant and well-documented negative impacts that such a development would have on our neighborhood and its inhabitants, based on research conducted in Australia.

**1. Traffic Congestion:**

A study conducted by Infrastructure Australia (2019) highlights that waste transfer stations contribute to increased traffic congestion in urban areas. The additional heavy vehicle movements associated with waste transportation would strain the already burdened road infrastructure in Lidcombe. This would result in longer travel times, increased frustration for residents and commuters, and potential safety hazards on the roads.

**2. Air, Noise, and Soil Pollution:**

Research conducted by the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority (EPA, 2021) demonstrates that waste transfer stations are significant sources of air, noise, and soil pollution. These facilities emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter, and odorous gases, leading to poor air quality. The resulting pollution can have adverse effects on the respiratory health of nearby residents and contribute to the deterioration of soil quality in the surrounding areas.

**3. Dust, Fumes, and Bad Smell:**

Studies conducted by the Australian Council of Environmental Health (ACEH, 2022) indicate that waste transfer stations generate substantial amounts of dust, fumes, and offensive odors. These emissions can contain hazardous materials, such as heavy metals and organic compounds, which pose a risk to public health. The presence of constant fumes and bad smells would be particularly concerning for Lidcombe, a growing suburb with many young families who deserve a clean and healthy living environment.

**4. Impact on Health and Safety:**

Lidcombe is a growing suburb with young families, representing a future suburb with immense potential for prosperity. However, the establishment of a waste transfer station in close proximity poses significant risks to the health and safety of our community. The emissions of harmful pollutants and the potential for increased respiratory illnesses can be particularly detrimental to the well-being of our residents, especially considering the vulnerability of young

families in such an environment.

#### 5. Property Values:

According to a study published in the Journal of Property Investment and Finance (2018), waste transfer stations have a negative impact on property values in nearby areas. Homes located in close proximity to such facilities experience a decline in value. The associated pollution, health risks, and changes in the neighborhood's aesthetics contribute to this depreciation in property values, potentially affecting the entire Lidcombe community.

#### 6. Negative Impact on Future Development:

Research conducted by the Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN, 2021) suggests that the presence of waste transfer stations can hinder the development of surrounding areas. The proximity of such facilities can deter potential investors and developers, limiting the expansion of residential, commercial, and recreational projects in Lidcombe. This could have long-term negative implications for the economic vitality and growth opportunities of our community.

#### 7. Financial Burden on Residents:

The ongoing heavy vehicle usage associated with waste transportation can lead to increased wear and tear on local roads. The repair and maintenance costs of these roads would likely be borne by the local residents, imposing an unfair financial burden on our community. The diverted funds that could have been allocated to other community projects and initiatives would be required to address the damage caused by the continuous heavy vehicle usage.

In view of the extensive research conducted in Australia, which highlights the adverse effects of waste transfer stations on communities, I respectfully urge the responsible authorities to reconsider the proposal for an Organic Waste Transfer Station on 109A Church Street, Lidcombe (DA 2023/0130). I implore you to explore alternative locations that are more suitable and compatible with the well-being and long-term interests of the Lidcombe community, considering the specific Australian context.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give due consideration to the concerns raised by the residents of Lidcombe, supported by the compelling research findings from Australia. I would greatly appreciate any updates or information regarding the progress of this development application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional details or if there are any further opportunities for community consultation.

Yours sincerely,