

**From:**  
**To:** [Records Department](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] OBJECTION to DA2023/0130, Site: 109A Church Street, LIDCOMBE NSW 2141; Lot 1 DP 778492  
**Date:** Friday, 14 July 2023 1:31:33 PM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

**Name:**  
**Address:**  
**Contact number:**

### **Reason for objection**

Dear Council

I am writing to object to the DA2023/0130 proposal. I have lived in Lidcombe all my life (30 years) and to say I strongly oppose to this proposal is an understatement. It's evident that whomever conceived this plan (and those support it) is an unscrupulous, greedy and ignorant human being (if you can even call them that) with little regards to human rights.

1. The applicant can hire fancy lawyers to embellish the description of this proposal, but let's call it what for what it is. It's a waste management centre, to explicitly describe it in two words, it's a RUBBISH TIP!! It's a proposed rubbish tip that would be built 100 metres away from residential properties and 600 metres away from age care facilities, child care centres, parks, businesses, school and pedestrian.

To process the rubbish which includes and not limited to; Faeces (from humans and animals), nappies, food waste and really, anything that can be disposed off (which includes asbestos, because the applicant can not guarantee their trucks will not pick this item up because it's inconceivable that their employees would go through tonnes of trash each day to monitor illegal dumping). Methane gas will also be stored as well as diesel. Does the applicant know the severity of issues that WILL arise? Repugnant odours will be emitted, impacting local residents both mentally and physically. Please refer to Bowral Rubbish Tip news that circulated in 2021, the stench was so impactful that residents were admitted to hospital. Methane is a flammable gas, so why would large units of this chemical be stored within close vicinity to locals. This is a blatant disrespect for human life's and for the environment.

1. The roads surrounding this proposed site where the trucks will enter and exit ( Church street, Bachell Avenue, Parramatta Road, Arthur Street, Bernie Avenue, Canterbury Drive) are already heavily congested. From 0630-1030 and 1500-1900, there's ongoing traffic. Now imagine 59 garbage trucks that are 20metres in length entering and exiting Lidcombe via those streets 6 days a week. That's 708 entries and exit each week. The chaos on the roads, the delays families and professional will encounter and the long term damage on the roads caused by the weight of the trucks (which locals will bear the cost for repairs) will be lasting. Furthermore, a new business park located between Bachell Ave and Bernie Ave is currently

under construction. Once completed, there will be an influx of large vehicles coming in and out of Lidcombe. It's certain these vehicles and those 20m rubbish trucks will appear at the same time, fighting for right of way and obstructing small cars.

2. An ignorant commentator on Facebook implied that Lidcombe residents are whiners as there are existing fish and metal processing centres in Lidcombe. This person obviously has limited logical processing skill(perhaps even associated to the applicant of the Rubbish Tip). These existing industrial businesses and the proposed Rubbish Tip are clearly on different scales on environmental and social impact. The materials they processed are also vastly different as well the location of business. The audacity to imply that these centres operate identically is an insult to anyone with at least half a brain intact.
3. Lidcombe is known as the cousin of Strathfield, a prestigious suburb. If one can't afford a modest 3 bedroom home in Strathfield for \$2.5 million, the buyer would purchase in Lidcombe where a modest 3 bedroom home brick home would be a steal at \$1.85 million ( recent sale of 115 Platform street, Lidcombe). Lidcombe used to be a blue collar suburb but today, it has already emerged as an upper middle class suburb with a median house price of \$1,410,000. If a rubbish tip is approved, it will negate all the effort, emotional and financial investment the community has contributed to over decades.
4. We should contact investigative journalist, Kate McClymont from The Sydney Morning Herald to dig into this proposal. I find it too coincidental that the closure of this company's previous waste management centre was conducted in the same period as the development of the new apartments in Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe, more specially, the apartments located in Canning Street, Flock Street, Carter Street, Paddock Street, Stockyard Bvd and Uhrig Road. Were there secret handshakes or kickbacks between the developers and the power holders of the waste company.

I am disappointed with the lenient response and poor effort some of the councillors displayed earlier on when the proposal was first made public. This is simply because these councillors don't reside in Lidcombe and hence, they won't personally feel the impact should the proposal materialise. Lidcombe residents pay one of the highest council rates, if not, they pay the highest rate among the suburbs situated within the Cumberland catchment and so all Cumberland council representatives should fight as aggressively as Councillor Helen Hughes. If a for-profit company can get their way in Lidcombe, they can do the same in YOUR suburb.

Thank you for your time in reading this and I sincerely hope the panel for this proposal can reconsider this submission. The livelihood of more than 21,000 people are at stake.

Sincerely,