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Dear Council,

I am writing this letter to express my strong objection to the proposed waste transfer station in Lidcombe, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and related reports. I have carefully reviewed the details provided and believe that several key concerns need to be addressed before any further consideration is given to this proposal.

**Traffic Issues:**

The projected 118 truck movements per day through the town and/or residential areas raise significant concerns. The proposed timeframes mentioned in the EIS do not align with the Environmental Impact Statement, and it is imperative that more accurate and corrected details be provided. Additionally, considering that this transfer station will cater to councils across the Sydney metropolitan area, the resulting transport and waste management implications on the Lidcombe road network need to be thoroughly evaluated.

**Quality of Road Network:**

The ongoing heavy vehicle usage associated with the waste transfer station will undoubtedly cause damage to the roads and roundabouts in the area. This would necessitate regular maintenance, which the Council would have to pursue. Furthermore, the potential for rubbish to "fly out" of the trucks during transportation poses a risk to public safety. Although the trucks are stated to be covered, it is a known reality that this measure is not always implemented consistently.

**Hours of Operation:**

The proposed hours of operation, as mentioned in the EIS, far exceed the limits set forth in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The DCP stipulates timeframes from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday, with no operations permitted on Sundays. The proposed operational times not only violate the DCP but also have the potential to disrupt the residential amenity of the area.

**Odour Control:**

Despite claims in the Environmental Impact Statement and other reports, there is no absolute assurance that odour from the waste transfer station can be adequately controlled. Additionally, the odours emitted during transportation to the site will impact both the commercial entities and the residential areas of Lidcombe, potentially harming the quality of life for residents and local businesses.

**Location:**

While the proposed site falls within the "industrial" zoning, it is in extremely close proximity—less than 100 meters—from residential areas. The construction of significant public housing, affordable housing, and units nearby further highlights the inappropriateness of locating this waste transfer station here. The Cumberland Development Control Plan clearly emphasizes the need to protect residential amenity, which is entirely undermined by this proposed operation. Furthermore, the site's proximity to the public space open area of the Pippita Rail Trail, intended for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces, makes it even less suitable for waste transfer processing.

**Potential Future Tip Operations:**

Approval of this proposal raises concerns about the potential future expansion of operations beyond the approved scope. If the waste transfer station evolves into a "tip" for various waste types, including garbage, recycling, green waste, FOGO, and building waste (including asbestos), it could have severe implications. It is crucial to understand how Cumberland City Council will monitor and regulate any potential expansions, as this would place a significant strain on the Council's resources.

I urge you to thoroughly reconsider this proposal in light of the aforementioned concerns. It is essential that the potential negative impacts on traffic, road quality, residential amenity, and public health be carefully evaluated before proceeding further. I kindly request that you conduct a more comprehensive assessment, including a thorough review of alternative locations that align with industrial zoning and maintain adequate distance from residential areas.

I look forward to your prompt attention to this matter and a thorough reassessment of the proposed waste transfer station in Lidcombe. Please keep me informed of any updates or opportunities for public input regarding this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,