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Subject: [EXTERNAL] APPLICATION NO: DA2023/0130, bjection to Proposed Transfer Station - Traffic Issues, Hours of Operation, Odour Control, Location, and Potential Future Operations

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Dear Cumberland City Council,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal outlined for the construction of a transfer station, as detailed on your website and associated documentation. I have carefully reviewed the proposal and identified several concerns that I believe must be addressed before any further steps are taken.

- 1) **Traffic Issues:** The proposed transfer station would result in approximately 118 truck movements daily, potentially passing through town and residential areas. This poses a significant threat to the safety and tranquillity of these areas. Moreover, the timing of these movements does not align with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), necessitating further detail and correction.
- 2) **Quality of Road Network:** The ongoing heavy vehicle usage associated with the transfer station will inevitably damage local roads and roundabouts. This raises concerns about the additional maintenance required, which would burden the Council and ultimately impact taxpayers. Additionally, there is a risk of rubbish being inadequately secured during transportation, potentially causing debris to "fly out" and further endanger road users.
- 3) **Hours of Operation:** According to the EIS, the proposed hours of operation are significantly extended, including operation on Saturdays until 6.00 pm and Sundays and public holidays being exempted. These timeframes go against the provisions outlined in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The extended operational hours will disrupt the residential amenity and contradict the protective measures outlined in the DCP.
- 4) **Odour Control:** While the Environmental Impact Statement and associated reports allegedly address odour concerns, there is no concrete assurance that odours from the site can be effectively controlled. Furthermore, the presence of trucks carrying waste will create additional odour-related issues when travelling through the area. These odours have the potential to negatively impact both the commercial entities in Lidcombe and the surrounding residential areas.
- 5) **Location:** The proposed transfer station is located within close proximity—less than 100 metres—to a residential area, which is currently undergoing significant development. This close proximity is highly inappropriate for such a proposal. The Cumberland Development Control Plan explicitly states that operational hours should be managed to protect residential amenity, a requirement that the proposed operation fails to meet. Additionally, the location

contradicts the intended use of the nearby public space and the Pippita Rail Trail, which is designed for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces. A waste transfer processing facility is more suitable in a full industrial area, with major arterial roads, rather than town centre or suburban roads and in such close reach of a major residential area.

6) Potential Future Tip Operations: In the event of approval, it raises concerns about the ongoing monitoring of the business operations by Cumberland City Council. How will the council effectively monitor the approved operations and enforce penalties if the operator goes outside the approved scope? Moreover, there is a potential worry that the proposed transfer station could be expanded to handle various waste types, including garbage, recycling, green waste, FOGO, and building waste, including asbestos. It is essential to understand how Cumberland City Council plans to monitor and regulate any potential expansion of the facility, as this futuristic possibility may present significant concerns.

Considering the aforementioned points, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposal for the transfer station in its current form. It is vital that further assessments and corrective actions be undertaken to address the traffic issues, align the hours of operation with the Cumberland DCP, ensure effective odour control, and relocate the facility to a more suitable area.

I kindly request that you take these objections into serious consideration during the decision-making process. It is imperative to prioritise the safety, well-being, and quality of life for the residents of Lidcombe and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving a prompt response regarding the actions taken to address these concerns.

Yours sincerely,