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Dear Cumberland Local Council,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live at \_\_\_\_\_ 11. My number is \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing today as a resident of Lidcombe to express my deep concern regarding the construction of a rubbish center in our locality. I kindly request your attention and consideration as I present the rationale behind my opposition.

Our community is a beautiful place filled with parks and many green spaces, an addition of a rubbish center in our area would undoubtedly compromise the visual appeal of our surroundings and suburb. The sight and smell of waste disposal facilities is not only unsightly but also provides people with a negative impression of the otherwise beautiful space with impacts on health that are unknown and not studied. As a community we should be focused on preserving our green spaces especially considering the state of the environment and taking into account global warming.

The construction of a rubbish center not only poses potential health concerns, and is also an environmental hazard to our community. Such facilities are often associated with incessant unpleasant odors, pests and high amounts of pollution and contamination. The proximity of these hazards to medium density residential areas will have severe consequences on the well-being of our residents, especially on small children and the elderly. We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to prioritise their (and our) health and safety above all else.

The noise and traffic generated by a constant and daily influx of trucks to a rubbish center would disrupt the tranquility and flow of our neighborhood with increased truck movements and frequent collection activities. This would lead to congestion on our roads, which could pose risks to pedestrians and cyclists and motorists with an exponential increase in collision risks, not to mention the associated increase in insurance premiums as a result. Our community deserves a peaceful environment that fosters a sense of unity and well-being, rather than one filled with the constant disturbance, stench and chaos that such a facility would impose upon us.

I implore you to consider alternative solutions to waste management that are more in line with our community's values and aspirations. Innovative recycling programs, waste reduction initiatives and partnerships with existing facilities in neighboring areas could help us achieve a more sustainable and responsible waste management system without negatively impacting the community. Alternative locations, far from medium density housing with minimal impact to traffic, health hazards and other

considerations should be top of mind. I am personally appalled that members of the council have even entertained such an idea to require the residents of Lidcombe to oppose such a travesty. Clearly the funds being collected from residents as part of rates are not being used effectively if such ludicrous proposals are even being given a voice.

Here is a short list of the negative impacts a rubbish center would have on our community:

Traffic congestion, increased risk of motor vehicle accidents and increased risk of individuals being hit by large vehicles that start and stop suddenly.  
Increased insurance premiums for houses, motor vehicle insurance and other insurances due to the added risk associated with a waste facility in a medium density housing area.

Air, noise and soil pollution caused by the excess traffic and the storage of waste itself

Dust fumes and bad smell

Negatively affect the tranquility of our suburb

Negatively affect the health and safety of local residents / the next generation

Negatively affect property values

Negatively affect residential, commercial and recreational environment

Local residents through Lidcombe through increased council rates will ultimately bear the cost of roadworks damaged by the ongoing heavy vehicle usage of the area

I understand that waste management is an essential service, and the council has the responsibility to provide adequate facilities. However, I believe that a thorough examination of alternative locations away from medium density housing and highly trafficked areas can help identify a site that minimises the negative impacts on our community and environment.

I urge you to represent our collective voice and stand against the construction of a rubbish center in our locality. Let us work together to find a solution that aligns with our community's interests and values.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. I trust that you will consider the concerns raised by this community seriously and make a decision that is in the best interest of the community you represent i.e. Lidcombe.

Kind Regards,