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To Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Site in Lidcombe (DA2023/0130).

This site is not appropriate for the size and scale of such operations. It is less than 100m from residential homes and bound by roads that all have one lane each way. Congestion has already become an issue in Lidcombe with the increasing density and all these small residential streets would struggle to accommodate for the high volume of heavy trucks bringing waste to the plant for processing. Church Street, Birnie Ave, Bachell Ave, John Street and parts of Arthur Street are all single lane each direction streets that provide access to this particular site. If we take Birnie Ave, Lidcombe for example which is a largely industrial area, with all the heavy truck traffic, the state of that street was abysmal last year, crumbling surfaces with very large potholes throughout the length of the road, it was an absolute hazard to drive on. It took over six months before this road was repaired and I fear the same will happen to the other streets if we continue to allow large industrial sites to be built in areas where there is inadequate road infrastructure.

Furthermore, the noise levels during operational times are concerning. It is scheduled to operate for long hours of the day into the evening (6am-10pm during weekdays). Lidcombe is a quiet residential area, especially the area surrounding the proposed site. Most residents choose to live in Lidcombe for that very reason. With such high volume of trucks (8 trucks an hour!) bringing waste in at all hours of the day, the sheer size of the operation site and the proposed processing use, the impact of noise pollution will be a huge issue that will affect the quality of life of residents. Such a waste transfer site needs to be set up away from residential areas where there is good access to large arterial city roads especially since it will be serving much of the greater Sydney area. According to the Noise Impact Assessment, it reports that the noise generated by this site is unlikely going to be above the noise generated by the rail corridor. This site is going to be generating continuous noise while the trains are mainly passing. It also does not account for all the extra trucks and traffic that will disturb these quiet streets.

While I recognise that this type of Waste Transfer Station is designed to increase recycling rates for a more sustainable future for waste products, I firmly believe that it is not suitable to be built at this particular site for that purpose. For a site that will have such a huge impact on our community, Cumberland council residents will not even have the chance to benefit from this and we do not currently have food waste or organic waste recycling collection. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my concerns and hope that the right decision will be made to reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,