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## **RE: ORGANIC WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

Dear Cumberland Councillors,

I am writing to express my vehement objection to the proposed construction of a waste transfer station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe. The following are my reasons for my objection.

Negative traffic impacts: I drive along this road everyday (Monday to Friday) for work because public transport is not an option for me because of where I work. The EXPONENTIAL increase in trucks will create traffic jams as well as an EXPONENTIAL increase in the number of blind spots around the area due to the lack of parking spaces for these extra heavy vehicles and employees. There will be traffic accidents waiting to happen. Possibly deaths from traffic accidents. The responsibility lies on the people who decide to approve the development of this waste transfer station. There is no guaranteed employee parking available for this waste station's employees so the available parking in the surrounding streets is going to be heavily impacted. The town centre, as well as TWO primary schools, are around the corner from this waste station, with the two schools' combined student population standing at approximately 1142 (according to the 2022 statistics from the My School website). The community wanting to visit these businesses within this town centre is already impacted by the traffic during the schools' drop-off and pick-up. Increase in traffic will add to the duration of the times taken to drop off and pick up students. So why add to the already congested traffic and reduced parking?

Increase in air and noise pollution: This proposed build is literally adjacent to the town centre. It is where the local community lives, works, studies, plays, dines and socialises with others within the community as well as those who are guests coming into the area. The smell, dust and fumes from this waste transfer station is going to drastically reduce the quality of the air for the residents and impacted businesses in the community because of the health impacts of the reduced quality of the air in the neighbourhood. It is right across the road from a newly built apartment block as well as other people's houses, so they are not able to enjoy living there because of the resulting air and noise pollution. These residents have reason to sue those who allow the introduction of this waste plant into their community as a result of the health impacts of the noise and air pollution within this neighbourhood. Health impacts include breathing difficulties from the dust and fumes in the air and mental health impacts from the noise pollution from the trucks and the loss of the tranquillity of the suburb because of the noise of the trucks. So there are negative impacts to people's physical and mental health.

Negative impacts to the values of our homes: The loss of tranquillity in the neighbourhood and the environmental impacts (traffic, air and noise pollution) of the waste plant will have a negative impact on the value of our properties.

Negative physical environmental impacts: The increase in the amount of heavy vehicles resulting from the build of the waste station is going to damage our roads and the locals are going to have to pick up the costs for this.

Lack of respect for the dead: The population of Rookwood is 1000000+. They have the right to rest in peace. The noise from the trucks coming through the community does not allow the dead population of Rookwood to rest in peace. There are funerals taking place in the Cemetery nearby. The air and noise pollution will affect the poignancy of funerals taking place in Rookwood Cemetery.

I implore to all of the Councillors, to reconsider the impacts of the proposed development application adjacent to the town centre.

Kindest regards,