

14 July 2023

Cumberland City Council
PO Box 42
Merrylands NSW 2160

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station in Lidcombe

Dear Cumberland Council,

I write this letter with an utmost sense of urgency and an unwavering determination to express my vehement opposition to the proposed organic waste transfer station at 109A Church Street in Lidcombe. The recent community meeting I attended only served to reinforce the profound concerns and anxieties shared by the residents regarding the detrimental impact this facility would have on our lives.

The resounding message from the community meeting was clear: the proposed waste transfer station is entirely unacceptable to the residents of Lidcombe. I oppose any development that would jeopardize the health, well-being, and quality of life of the community.

The potential environmental consequences of this proposed facility cannot be understated. Organic waste management demands the strictest adherence to stringent protocols to safeguard against the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, soil, and water. Given the close proximity of residential areas, schools, and public spaces, it is not unfounded to anticipate air pollution, repugnant odors, and the contamination of our precious water sources. These risks will give direct threat to the health and safety of our community, and we cannot tolerate such recklessness.

Furthermore, the proposed waste transfer station would bring with it a host of other grave concerns. The inevitable surge in heavy traffic and the cacophony of noise pollution to our neighborhoods. Residential areas should be for peace and solace, not places marred by congestion, clamor, and a perpetual reminder of a facility that undermines our quality of life. Our property values would suffer, our streets would be choked with traffic, and our once-picturesque community would be forever altered.

In light of these resolute objections, I implore you to unequivocally reject the approval of the proposed organic waste transfer station in Lidcombe. The Cumberland Council must demonstrate unwavering commitment to the well-being and interests of its constituents by actively seeking alternative locations for waste management that are suitable, distant from residential areas, and capable of safeguarding both the environment and the welfare of the residents.

I insist that you prioritize the voices, concerns, and fears of the community by undertaking a comprehensive and transparent environmental impact assessment before any final decisions

are made regarding this ill-conceived project. Failure to do so would be an affront to the principles of democratic governance and a disregard for the very people you are elected to serve.

This is a defining moment for the Cumberland Council, where the decisions made today will shape the future of our beloved community. I beseech you to exercise your authority with wisdom, empathy, and a profound commitment to the well-being of the residents. Listen to our collective, recognize our concerns, and take decisive action to protect our community from the perils of the proposed organic waste transfer station.

I implore you to consider your decisions and act in the best interests of the people you represent. The residents of Lidcombe are counting on your leadership and vision to preserve our community.

Your Sincerely,