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To the Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the approval of DA 2023/0130 for the waste plant in Lidcombe.

As a proud member of the Lidcombe community for my entire 33 years of life, I feel a deep connection to this area. While I understand the need for such facilities, I firmly believe that Lidcombe is not the appropriate location for this waste plant. Here are my reasons:

1. **Traffic Impact:** Lidcombe's roads are already heavily congested due to years of overdevelopment without sufficient investment in infrastructure. Driving along Parramatta Road, Lidcombe or Arthur St during peak hours or weekends has become a nightmarish experience with frequent traffic standstills. The proposal to bring an additional 120 trucks per day to the area is unacceptable and will exacerbate an already overpopulated road system. Furthermore, the proximity of the proposed site to the soon-to-be-completed residential units at 2-36 Church St will only worsen the situation, posing a potential hazard for vehicles navigating the area.
2. **Environmental Concerns:** The section of road in question tends to accumulate water during heavy rain periods. If the waste plant is approved, it raises concerns about its impact on the environment during rainfall. While I acknowledge that the operators will take precautions, there is no guarantee that the site won't flood or that rubbish won't be washed away into nearby waterways, considering the frequent occurrence of debris falling off delivery trucks along Parramatta Road. Additionally, the air pollution and odours generated by the waste and the exhaust emissions from machinery and trucks will render the area

unbearable. Given the proximity to residential properties and parks, it is unreasonable to expect people to endure such unpleasant smells, especially considering the Bingo site on Parramatta Rd already has occasional odours.

3. **Noise Pollution and Hours of Operation:** Lidcombe has traditionally been a quiet suburb, home to a significant elderly population. The noise pollution resulting from the waste plant's operations and its close proximity to residential dwellings raises significant concerns. Every individual has the right to peace and enjoyment, and the continuous noise generated by the machinery and semi-trailers unloading loads throughout the day, including weekends, will undoubtedly disrupt people's lives.

In conclusion, I have outlined the major concerns regarding DA 2023/0130. Lidcombe is renowned for its cleanliness, and as a community, we are determined to preserve that reputation. I sincerely hope that the council will support us by rejecting this application.

No tip in Lidcombe!