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TO: The Manager (Cumberland Council) and Cumberland Council Members

We hereby submit our objection to the above DA in Lidcombe.

Imagine if this was Paris, London or New York City and a proposal such as the above was presented to create a waste processing site in the heart of their cities. It'd be laughed at and thrown out immediately. Sadly, this isn't the case in this DA.

Lidcombe is near the geographical heart of Sydney Metropolitan Area, and this is a litmus test for Cumberland Council and Sydney as a whole. Would we rather be like Paris, London or New York City of Australia or would you prefer this to be a dump-site ? Your votes will decide this.

Our reasons for objections are based on the following criteria:

1) Large Trucks will impact Safety and Security of Residents, Senior Citizens and Children

According to the Traffic Impact Statement available on council's website, there will be an estimated 94 truck movements in and out of Lidcombe in a single day. While the Traffic Impact Statement doesn't project into the future to allow for increased use of the facility, that number is likely to increase. Yet 94 movements in a single day of very large vehicles on residential will present risks to residents (in cars, on foot), elderly residents and those with limited mobility, train and bus users around Lidcombe train station, on the main streets of Lidcombe including John Street and possibly Joseph Streets and other surrounding streets. There are a number of schools in the surrounding area, including Lidcombe Public School, St Josephs School and child-care centres. The presence of large vehicle on our streets will present enormous risk to everyone.

2) Health of Residents and particularly those with respiratory issues.

The facility will result in loads of waste coming into Lidcombe on a daily basis. Particularly in warmer months, the decomposing waste will transit and reside in our suburb and the smells from it will spread into the air from the trucks as well as the transfer facility. Liquid waste emanating from the decomposing waste will fall into our streets and will become heaven for pathogens and disease spreading wild-life as well as the foul-smell from those.

The smells from the site as well as the 94 trucks will spread over much of the suburb where residents live and impact their quality of life. People will not be able to enjoy the pleasant afternoon strolls in summer, residents of nearby apartment blocks will find it difficult to leave their windows open on warm/hot nights. Those with respiratory issues may find it difficult to breathe the foul smells from the site. The pollutants from fuel and decomposing waste will spread with the winds and settle into people's houses and yards.

The council has a duty of care towards its residents in providing a safe, pollution-free environment to live their lives. For this reason, the council should reject this DA.

3) Respect for the dearly departed

Rockwood Necropolis was established well over 100 years ago as the final resting place for the dearly departed. This DA is disrespectful of those who have no voice any more and disrespectful of their contributions and disrespectful to their loved ones who still visit them in their final resting places. The foul odour and pollutants from the facility will spread into Rockwood cemetery and, instead of flowers on their resting places, the facility will produce pollutants that will settle on those. Is this what the council desires for our dead?

4) Vision for Lidcombe

By rejecting this DA, the council will show its residents that it truly cares for this suburb. It is not merely a revenue-raising measure for the council but rather they are deeply interested in Lidcombe and have a vision for it. Instead of a waste processing site, the council should consider an alternative view for that site that is in line with a vision for Lidcombe - there are many potential uses for that site that a modern nation like Australia could do with - as hubs for IT, pharmaceuticals, R&D, Engineering, bio-tech, agri-tech, fin-tech, local hospital, hi-tech manufacturing to name a few. These are higher value uses of that site that will attract highly qualified professionals in the area and raise the standard for Lidcombe and Sydney as a whole.

Finally, as residents of this suburb, we care for the future of the suburb. We'd like it to be a place where both young and old can lead a peaceful life in a clean and pollution-free, noise-free and low-traffic suburb. We also want to see this suburb where people in this suburb can find professional high-reward jobs locally without needing to commute out of the suburb. The waste facility will not do any of those and neither create any meaningful professional jobs for the locals. The waste facility does not match the educational profile of the upwardly mobile residents.

The council has one in a generation choice for this site. On one hand a modern suburb we can all be proud of or a dumpsite which no-one wants. We believe the choice is obvious and recommend the council to reject the DA.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your,