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Dear Cumberland council,

As a citizen of Lidcombe the construction of a rubbish tip, is a decision that should be carefully reconsidered due to the numerous negative consequences it brings to the surrounding environment and the health and well-being of the local community.

A rubbish tip poses significant environmental risks. Landfills have a detrimental effect on air, water, and soil quality. As waste decomposes, it emits dangerous gases such as methane, a powerful contributor to climate change. These gases not only contribute to global warming and ozone layer depletion but also pose serious health hazards to our communities. Additionally, toxic chemicals from decomposing waste can seep into the soil and contaminate groundwater sources, posing long-term risks to Lidcombe ecosystem and potentially affecting the health of the people of our community.

In addition to environmental concerns, the establishment of a rubbish tip brings detrimental effects to the community and our residents. Often, rubbish tips are located in marginalized areas or low-income neighborhoods, disproportionately burdening these communities. The presence of a landfill in close proximity to residential areas can lead to a decline in property values, making it harder for residents to sell their homes or seek affordable housing options. Moreover, the noise pollution, and increased traffic associated with landfill operations can significantly impact the quality of life for nearby residents, negatively affecting their physical and mental well-being.

Another critical concern is the potential health risks associated with rubbish tips. The disposal of hazardous and toxic wastes in landfills poses a serious threat to public health. As waste decomposes, harmful substances can seep into the air and water, contaminating nearby communities. This contamination can lead to respiratory problems, skin diseases, and various other health issues, especially among vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly.

The construction of a rubbish tip brings devastating consequences to the environment, local communities, and public health. The adverse effects on air, water, and soil quality, habitat destruction, property devaluation, health risks, and the perpetuation of unsustainable waste management methods are compelling reasons why the establishment of a rubbish tip in Lidcombe should be strongly discouraged.

Thank you.