

# Objection to Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street

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I object to the development of the Organic Waste Transfer Station on the following grounds:

1. **Traffic Congestion, Maintenance of roads and Noise pollution.**
  - a. Congestion – there are 2 narrow roads (already severely impacted by traffic!) servicing the site with high density residential building directly across the same road as will be used by the trucks.
  - b. Trucks arriving from other LGAs and our own will increase greatly the maintenance costs for Cumberland not only of the roads nearby but across the LGA as trucks arrive from other areas.
  - c. Truck traffic noise will impact on residents both during the day and at night. (Bear in mind the number of night workers in the area.) so saying “only during the day” is not really effective.

2. **Organic Waste releases hydrogen sulphide creating unpleasant smells, leading to illness and death for residents.**

**Organic Waste** is a very broad term and allows for a multitude of different wastes to be held at the proposed facility. From innocuous green waste such as plants to some parts of radioactive waste. In between we have human excrement, animal excrement, plaster boards and so on...

**These wastes produce Hydrogen sulfide(H<sub>2</sub>S) which is a naturally occurring gas released from decaying organics. Its what gives sulphur its characteristic rotten eggs smell. It comes from microbes found in rotting food, sewerage, and animal waste.**

**Hydrogen sulfide at low levels causes irritation of eyes, nose and throat.**

**Moderate levels dizziness, nausea, vomiting as well as coughing and difficulty breathing.**

**High levels cause shock, convulsions, coma and death.**

3. **Home valuations of surrounding residences will be reduced as will the status of Lidcombe and surrounding suburbs.**
4. **As a result of health concerns, noise pollution and maintenance of roads.**

**If any of you are contemplating voting in favour of this development, please sit in a room with hydrogen sulphate for a few hours and imagine what it would be like for residence living near this facility.**