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Dear Council,

As a resident and stakeholder of the Lidcombe community, I am writing to express my deep concern and register formal opposition regarding the proposed opening of a waste transfer station in Lidcombe at 109A Church Street (DA2023/0130).

Common Sense Concern

First and foremost, the location of the proposed waste facility raises serious common-sense concerns:

- It is less than 100m from residential houses.
- It is within 800m of the local public school and child day care

I'm not aware of any other developed economy residential area where waste facilities have been set up so close to a residential area without any adverse effects to local residents. It boggles the mind that it even makes sense to include such a facility so close to residential areas.

Road and Transport Infrastructure

The roads set up around this facility are residential in nature and will be shared by local residents along with any trucks that will need to access the facilities.

This poses serious concerns related to:

- Shared usage of the roads – particularly around peak hours. The traffic around the area is already congested as is. This will only grow further with residential apartments nearing completion let alone needing to handle a significant increase in industrial traffic as a result of this facility.
- The traffic impact assessment report (PAN-312764_652) is flawed, only having regard to the incremental traffic to be generated by the waste generation facility without taking into consideration the existing traffic congestion along with the additional traffic that will be generated because of the residential units that will soon be completed along Church Street.
- In taking this into consideration, it will be obvious that this location for a facility is grossly inappropriate.

Flawed Conclusions in the Environmental Impact Statement

I note a number of concerns in the Environment Impact statement submitted by MRA Consulting Group.

The report concludes that the project is justified on a number of fronts that do not take a balanced view:

- Socially (because of job creation) – this report fails to take into account the social impact of having a waste transfer station so close to residential areas. It failed to consult with the broader local society outside a 250m radius of the facility and did not make any greater efforts around community consultation. Job creation is but one aspect of social considerations – the other being the need to balance the social

considerations of the 21,000 residents of Lidcombe along with the wider Cumberland LGA (250,000 residents).

- Economically (by support diversion of waste from landfill) – this is a one-sided economic view that fails to take into account the negative economic externalities of building a waste facility close to residential areas. There are no economic impact assessments around the detraction of value that such a facility will have toward nearby property values, the local economy and ability to attract other businesses and visitors to the area (particularly given the light industrial zone nearby).

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will take our concerns seriously. Our community deserves a safe and healthy environment that fosters growth and well-being for all its residents. I look forward to a favorable response and a meaningful dialogue on this crucial matter.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,