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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to strongly object to the building of the suggested waste transfer station in Lidcombe. I understand I am not alone in voicing my concerns as a resident of Lidcombe, an area that previously would have had great potential in development and tourism, and would have boosted the economy, however absolutely not if this proposal goes ahead.

I am challenged to see any beneficial outcomes of building this waste transfer station, especially in an area so close to residents who have peacefully been living here for many years with no issues until now.

Here are some of my main concerns amongst a very long list that I will not dwell on, and I encourage you to consider these and the voices of the residents as you consider the proposal.

1. There are very **strong health risks** concerned, if this proposal was to go ahead. This waste transfer station is under 100m away from the nearest residential house (taking a straight line measure). There is a massive health concern coming from the by-product of the landfill, which have chemical compounds that could impact residents through long term exposure. There is online research and historical cases where this has happened to residents who have ended up on the media to warn and raise awareness of by-product landfill chemicals causing a bunch of negative effects to one who is within 2km of the site. These impact blood pressure, mental health and wellbeing and appetite, and are particularly drastic for those who already have underlying conditions. As you may know, Lidcombe houses Dooleys, a popular club which many elderly come to socialise. The going ahead of this tip would more than likely result in less traffic there, decreasing revenue in Lidcombe as well as cause health issues to these elderly residents and visitors as well. There are schools with young children, childcares, nursing homes, community homes, churches and religious places that will all be impacted, and the tip would be responsible for this.

2. There are social housing developments taking place, and whilst this does not impact me specifically, it will impact the reputation of the Cumberland council to build a rubbish tip knowing full well that social housing is being built, as if to say that the Cumberland council has no regards for those who need the most help from us. Asking them to come and live in Lidcombe, a place where there was serenity and compassion, only to build a rubbish tip to suggest they should be living with trash, is simply appalling and bad form. I wouldn't be surprised if this ends up on the news and social media and the amount of backlash that Lidcombe and Cumberland council will receive is going to be immense.

3. There is absolutely no more capacity for the increase in traffic flow in that area. I do not understand who assessed this and thought it would be logical and viable. This was just a no brainer, it shouldn't even be a question in point. The roads are already damaged, the weather does not help this case, and there are safety issues in Lidcombe with the lack of safe roads to drive on. This has already caused a lot of accidents, especially potholes and cracks in the road which will only be amplified with more trucks and traffic going in and out of that area.

I am certain that with this going ahead, the housing market will come right down in this area. There is no doubt about it. No one in their right mind would want to buy or rent a property this close to a waste tip. And residents will also be looking elsewhere no doubt.

If this goes ahead, Lidcombe may very well turn into a dumping ground and no longer a residential area where families and social life were cultivated once in the past.

Please consider this seriously as you think about putting the wellbeing of the people ahead of your own interests.

Regards,