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Cumberland Council
16 Memorial Ave
Merrylands, NSW 2160

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station in Lidcombe - Concerns about Noise and Odor Pollution

Dear Cumberland Council,

I write this letter with a deep concern regarding the proposed organic waste transfer station at <u>109A Church Street</u> in <u>Lidcombe</u>. I wish to express my strong opposition to this project, emphasizing the detrimental impact it will have on noise and odor pollution in the area.

First and foremost, there is significant apprehension about the potential escalation of noise pollution resulting from the establishment of the waste transfer station. Lidcombe is a predominantly residential area cherished for its tranquility and serene atmosphere. Introducing a facility of this nature, with its inherent noise-generating activities, would disrupt the peaceful harmony we currently enjoy.

Secondly, and equally concerning, is the issue of odor pollution. Organic waste management often entails the release of unpleasant odors, which can permeate the surrounding areas and adversely affect the quality of life for residents. The proposed waste transfer station's close proximity to residential neighborhoods raises valid concerns about the persistent and noxious odors that could infiltrate our homes, schools, and public spaces. Such odorous pollution not only undermines the aesthetics of our community but also poses a serious threat to our physical and mental well-being.

It is crucial to recognize that noise and odor pollution are not only nuisances but significant threats to our overall quality of life. Prolonged exposure to excessive noise levels can lead to stress, sleep disturbances, reduced concentration, and adverse effects on mental and physical health. Similarly, offensive odors can cause discomfort, nausea, and respiratory issues, further compromising our health and enjoyment of our homes and community spaces.

Moreover, the potential consequences of noise and odor pollution extend beyond personal well-being. Lidcombe is home to several educational institutions, and the adverse effects of these pollutants could impede students' ability

to concentrate, disrupt the learning environment, and hamper academic achievement. We owe it to our children and the community as a whole to maintain an environment that is conducive to learning, growth, and well-being.

Given the profound implications on the quality of life, physical and mental health, and educational pursuits of the residents, I implore you to reconsider the approval of the proposed organic waste transfer station in Lidcombe. It is incumbent upon the Cumberland Council to prioritize the well-being and interests of the community by exploring alternative locations that mitigate the impact of noise and odor pollution on residential areas and educational institutions.

I respectfully request that a comprehensive and transparent environmental impact assessment be conducted, addressing the anticipated levels of noise and odor pollution and the resulting effects on the health, well-being, and educational pursuits of the residents. This assessment should involve active participation and consultation with the affected community to ensure their voices are heard, their concerns addressed, and their rights protected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering the concerns of the residents. I trust that you will make a decision that reflects the best interests of the community you serve.

Sincerely,