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Good afternoon,

My name is

Contact number is

I am writing to object to the building of the proposed waster transfer station in Lidcombe.
I am sure you have received multiple emails stating the same concerns regarding how this will impact the area.
There are very little, if any, positive impacts to proceeding with this proposal.

Location and Health risks:

As the crow flies, this tip would be within 100m of the nearest residential areas. The smell is the primary concern for this, however what most people have failed to mention is what the smell is. This is a by-product of the landfill which produces hydrogen sulphide and volatile organic compounds. Although in low doses this is not harmful, international, and national studies and incidents have shown that prolonged exposure to these chemicals cause adverse effects to those within 2km of the site. These adverse effects include low blood pressure, headache, nausea, loss of appetite, weight loss, ataxia, eye-membrane inflammation, and chronic cough. The EPA has stated this is not the case on humans, flora or fauna, however they do not take in to account those with already existing chronic conditions.

Periods of intense rain or intense heat can cause the hydrogen sulphide levels to increase, which is not realised until it is too late. As we have seen over the last few years, temperatures have been rising significantly and we have experienced severe flooding. Both these factors are not taken into account when addressing the EPA stance.

Within a close proximity we have primary schools, retirement homes, local restaurants, new developments and a train station.

They will be impacted immensely by the chemical by-product.

Solutions in place by current tips will place (surface treatment) can also be affected by adverse weather. A local case where this surface treatment had been hit by torrential rain, combined with the rubbish break down, causing a more intense release of the smell which sent a couple who had a business within 100m of the tip to hospital.

With the continuation of adverse weather within all parts of this country, I encourage you to take this matter seriously as we cannot predict how high temps will go or how much torrential rain we will receive that inevitably will intensify the release of the smell.

Infrastructure

Lidcombe has seen a boom in new builds recently including over 360 units near the station and a 2 new business parks. Anyone who lives in the area knows that Church street connects to Railway street, then to Arthur street. This entire juncture is already insufficient for traffic that goes through there. During peak hour, the traffic already banks up to Church Street as this leads to a major bypass (the A3). Turning left or right at this junction is affected by the additional set of lights at Marlborough Road, only letting 4 – 5 cars wait to make the turns at any one time. According to the documents provided, 118 trucks roughly will be added to the traffic congestion. Assuming this is continuous, this would then have a drastic effect on peak as well as off peak conditions.

The roads already rough and broken in parts, which is not suitable to add more heavy rigid vehicles to them.

Additional council trash

To my understanding, this proposal will take on waste from multiple councils. I would understand but would still object if this was just for our council area, but the fact that this is for multiple councils means there is nothing stopping you from adding more councils to the list as time goes on.

Social Housing

Part of the new build has 60 units set aside for Social Housing. This is within proximity to the waste transfer site. You're essentially telling people who are living on or below the cost-of-living line, they mean less than trash. Imagine being given a break and finally getting a good roof over your head, only to realise that smell your kids have to ensure is because they placed you close to a dump.

If you go to Joseph Street, you'll still see signs for the Sydney 2000 Olympics. The home to the train station that was used to transfer people to Olympic Park, is now looking down the barrel of being the suburb where you don't want to stand near the doors when the train stops at the station.

You've had significant development, with the suburb prices for housing entering the million-dollar market. Investors in commercial and residential property will feel this pinch.

You have park developments ongoing that people will now not want to go to because they can smell the tip.

You have this near a cemetery, where those going to grieve their loss of those they love, will be greeted by the smell of a tip.

I cannot in good conscience, allow my daughter to go to school in this area if this is built.

I encourage you to look at the bigger picture of how this will affect the community of Lidcombe.

Kind Regards,

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