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Subject: [EXTERNAL] APPLICATION NO: DA2023/0130 Opposition to the Construction of an Organic Waste Transfer Station near my Home

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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of an Organic Waste Transfer Station in close proximity to my residential area. I have several concerns regarding this project, which I believe should be taken into serious consideration. Firstly, the issue of increased traffic is a major concern. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states that there will be approximately 118 truck movements daily, either through the town or residential areas. It is crucial to address the timing of these movements, as they do not align with the information provided in the EIS. I request that more accurate and detailed information be provided in this regard, taking into account the impact on the local community. Furthermore, the usage of the transfer station by councils across the Sydney metropolitan area implies that waste and transportation will be directed through the Lidcombe road network from various angles. This raises concerns about the quality and maintenance of the road network, as heavy vehicle usage can lead to damage and deterioration. It is essential that the necessary measures are taken to ensure the upkeep and repair of roads and roundabouts affected by this project. Additionally, while the trucks are supposed to be covered, there is a risk of rubbish flying out during transportation, which can further contribute to environmental and health hazards. The proposed operational hours of the transfer station, as stated in the EIS, are extensive, ranging from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on weekdays and 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturdays, with no operations on Sundays and public holidays. However, it is important to note that these timeframes may expand in the future to accommodate business needs. This significant deviation from the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for Industrial zones, which specifies operational times from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday, raises concerns about the impact on the surrounding residential areas and their amenity. While the Environmental Impact Statement claims to address odour control, there is no absolute assurance that odour from the site can be effectively controlled. The presence of odours during the transportation of waste to the site will not only impact the commercial entities of Lidcombe but also affect the quality of life in the residential areas nearby. Another crucial concern is the location of the proposed transfer station. Despite being zoned as 'industrial,' it is situated in extremely close proximity to residential areas, with less than 100 meters of distance. The construction of significant public housing, affordable housing, and units near the site further emphasizes the inappropriateness of this proposal. The DCP explicitly states that operational hours should be managed to protect residential amenity, which is completely disregarded by this proposed operation. Additionally, the site's proximity to the Pippita Rail Trail, which is intended for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces, raises concerns about the impact on the amenity of public spaces. Moreover, if the transfer station is approved, it will be the responsibility of Cumberland City Council to monitor its operations. This will undoubtedly add strain to the council's resources. It is essential to establish clear guidelines and penalties for the operator to ensure compliance with approved operations. Furthermore, there is a concern about the potential expansion of the transfer station to include various types of waste, including garbage, recycling, green waste, FOGO, and building waste, including asbestos. It is crucial for Cumberland City Council to have a robust monitoring system in place to prevent such expansions and protect the community's interests. In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposal for an Organic Waste Transfer Station near my residential area. The potential negative impacts on traffic, road quality, odour control, residential amenity, and the environment are significant and should not be taken lightly. I kindly request that my concerns be thoroughly evaluated before any decisions are made. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely,

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