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Dear Cumberland Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern and strong objection to the development application DA2023/0130 for the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe. After careful consideration of the proposed project and its potential impact on the community, I firmly believe that this development should not proceed.

The location of the proposed organic waste transfer station raises significant concerns regarding the well-being and quality of life of the residents in the surrounding area. The close proximity of this facility to our local residential properties, schools, childcare centers, aged care facilities, parks, and businesses raises valid concerns about the potential adverse effects on the community.

One of the major concerns is the proposed operational hours of the waste transfer station. The suggested operating times, from 6 am to 10 pm on weekdays and 8 am to 6 pm on Saturdays, would result in constant noise, traffic congestion, and disturbance during the day and evening. This would severely impact the tranquillity of our suburb, making it difficult for residents, especially young children and the elderly, to enjoy a peaceful and comfortable living environment.

The high volume of garbage truck movements, with 59 large trucks entering and exiting Lidcombe Streets, would lead to a significant increase in traffic congestion and safety hazards. The proposed 118 truck movements per day would place a tremendous burden on the local road infrastructure, potentially leading to road damage and requiring costly repairs. Additionally, the continuous heavy vehicle traffic would pose risks to pedestrians and cyclists in the area, negatively impacting their safety.

The operation of an organic waste transfer station brings with it various environmental concerns. The emission of air pollutants, noise, and odors from the facility would cause significant pollution in the immediate vicinity. This pollution would not only affect the air quality but also contaminate the soil and potentially harm local ecosystems. The dust fumes and unpleasant smells associated with the waste transfer station would create an unhealthy and undesirable living environment for residents in the surrounding area.

Furthermore, the proposed development could have severe implications for the health and safety of local residents. Exposure to air pollutants, including volatile organic compounds and other toxic substances, can lead to respiratory problems and other health issues. The continuous presence of dust particles and foul odors can further aggravate existing health conditions and diminish the overall well-being of residents, especially those who are vulnerable, such as children, the elderly, and individuals with respiratory ailments.

Another significant concern is the potential negative impact on property values in the area. The presence of a waste transfer station so close to residential properties is likely to decrease property values, affecting the financial investments and stability of homeowners in the community. This decline in property values could also discourage potential buyers and deter future investments in the area, negatively impacting the overall growth and prosperity of our community.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the council to reconsider the approval of this development application. The potential consequences, including traffic congestion, air, noise, and soil pollution, adverse health effects, compromised property values, and the negative impact on our residential, commercial, and recreational environment, outweigh any perceived benefits of the waste transfer station.

It is crucial to prioritize the well-being and interests of the community by exploring alternative locations or methods for waste management. Our community deserves sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions that align with our collective goals of reducing, reusing, and recycling waste. Public hearings and extensive community consultations should be conducted to ensure that the concerns and objections of the residents are properly considered in the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully review the objections raised by concerned citizens like myself and make a decision that upholds the best interests and long-term welfare of our community. I would appreciate being kept informed of any updates or public hearings related to this development application.

My contact details are as follows:

Best Regards.