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Subject: [EXTERNAL] OBJECTION to DA2023/0130, Site: 109A Church St, LIDCOMBE NSW 2141; Lot 1 DP 778492

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Dear Cumberland Council Officer,

I would like to strongly OBJECT to the proposed rubbish/waste centre being built at 109A Church St, LIDCOMBE NSW 2141 for the following reasons:

- 1) Church St is a bottleneck street with 2 lanes constantly merging into one. With the amount of people using Church Street right now, I can confirm that traffic will more than triple with the rubbish trucks
- 2) Traffic Congestion: Lidcombe already suffers from heavy traffic congestion issues, particularly on Church St, a busy road lined with parked cars, causing narrowing of the road. Buses already face difficulties navigating through this area, and the addition of rubbish trucks would exacerbate the situation. Such congestion would inconvenience drivers, including myself, and create further challenges for daily commutes.
- 3) Financial Burden and Reduced Quality of Life: The maintenance of roads affected by the increased traffic would require a higher level of investment, resulting in higher council bills. Many residents, including myself, are already struggling to meet their financial obligations, including mortgage payments. Introducing an additional expense and reducing our quality of life would place an undue burden on us and be fundamentally unfair.
- 4) Proximity to Residential Areas: The waste centre's close proximity to residential houses and apartments is a major concern. The fact that one can walk from Lidcombe Station to the proposed site within 5 minutes is indicative of just how near it is to residents. The potential odors and air pollution emanating from the facility would render outdoor activities, such as walks, unbearable, impacting the health and well-being of individuals residing in the vicinity.
- 5) Impact on Nearby Apartments: The presence of new apartment buildings within 100 meters of the rubbish centre raises additional concerns. The smell of the waste would cling to residents' clothes, preventing them from hanging out their washing and resulting in a significant inconvenience. This restriction on daily activities can have a negative effect on the quality of life for those living in these apartments.
- 6) Decrease in Property Values: The construction of a waste centre in such close proximity to residential areas would undoubtedly lead to a substantial decrease in property values. This

depreciation is an added burden on hard-working individuals like myself who are already grappling with the challenges of everyday life. Preserving the value of our properties is essential for maintaining stability and financial security.

7) Disturbance of Peace and Quiet: Lidcombe has long been cherished as a quiet and peaceful suburb. Introducing 118 trucks moving in and out of the proposed waste centre in our neighborhood would greatly disrupt this tranquility. The constant noise and sight of these trucks would be both jarring and visually unpleasant, diminishing the serenity that residents have come to appreciate.

In light of these substantial concerns, I respectfully request that the Cumberland Council reconsiders the proposed location for the waste centre. Alternative sites that are farther away from residential areas should be carefully considered to safeguard the peace, cleanliness, and overall well-being of our community. I sincerely hope that my objections are taken into serious consideration during the decision-making process. I trust that the Cumberland Council will prioritize the welfare and concerns of the residents in this matter. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

