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**Objection to Application No: DA2023/0130**

Dear Concerned Party,

I am writing to express my concerns as a long-time resident of Lidcombe regarding the potential construction of a waste facility at 109A Church Street. This recent news has deeply troubled me, considering that fact that I have lived in Lidcombe my whole life

I am vehemently opposed to this proposed development and urge you to reconsider moving forward with it. Below, I have outlined the key reasons why this project should be immediately halted:

- 1. Proximity to Residential Areas:** The proposed site's close proximity to residential areas is alarming. 109A Church Street is less than 100 meters away from the nearest residential property in Lidcombe. Given the dense population of the area, I am certain that such a development would pose significant risks to the health and safety of the community.
- 2. Proximity to Primary Schools:** The proposed site is also dangerously close to two primary schools in Lidcombe, namely St. Joachim's and Lidcombe Public School. The noise and odors emitted by the facility's operation, as well as the constant truck traffic, would cause immense disruptions to the students' learning environment.
- 3. Proximity to Childcare Centers:** In addition to the primary schools, the proposed facility would also be in close proximity to three childcare centers in Lidcombe: St. Joseph's Childcare Centre, Little Sunshine Academy, and Oz Education Childcare & Preschool. It is crucial to consider the negative impact the facility's noise and odors alone would have on these children during their most crucial years of education.
- 4. Proximity to Affordable Housing Complexes:** The proposed site is less than 100 meters away from the affordable housing complexes currently being developed by Billbergia. These units are intended to accommodate nurses and police officers, many of whom work night shifts. The operation of the facility would severely disrupt the sleep patterns of these frontline workers, as well as other shift workers in the area.
- 5. Unbearable Traffic Conditions:** Arthur Street, Railway Street, and Church Street, which the proposed facility's trucks would travel on (118 trucks daily), already experience heavy traffic congestion on a daily basis, even during non-peak hours. The introduction of additional trucks would

exacerbate traffic problems, causing stress and disruption for both the road network and nearby residents. These streets are crucial arterial roads connecting Lidcombe to other parts of Sydney.

6. Contradiction to the Pippita Rail Trail: The proposed waste facility would directly contradict the spirit of the Pippita Rail Trail, which aims to encourage outdoor activities as part of the NSW Government's "Get NSW Active" initiative. The trail is intended to be adjacent to the proposed site, but the presence of the waste facility would discourage its use by pedestrians and cyclists.

7. Unbearable Odor: The unbearable odor emitted by the waste facility would have detrimental effects on residents' health. Having passed by other waste facilities in the vicinity, such as Silverwater, it is evident that the odor would be intolerable. This poses a significant threat to residents' well-being.

8. Negative Impact on Lidcombe's Desirability: Over the past five years, Lidcombe has experienced significant development to cater to its growing popularity. It has become a diverse community attracting people from various walks of life. The proposed waste facility would be a major setback for the suburb, potentially deterring future residents. Its close proximity to the recently developed Lidcombe Rise apartments (by Billbergia) is a cause for concern for both current and future tenants.

I strongly oppose the proposed waste facility development. I implore the panel members to reconsider this project based on the reasons I have outlined above.