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**Transfer Station** 

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Cumberland City Council NSW

Dear Fay,

Re: DA2023/0130 - Development of an Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street Lidcombe NSW 2141

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development for the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station in our community. As a concerned resident and taxpayer, I believe that this project poses significant environmental, health, and social risks that should not be ignored.

First and foremost, the establishment of an organic waste transfer station would have detrimental effects on our environment. Our community takes pride in its natural surroundings, and this project would directly threaten the delicate ecological balance we have worked so hard to maintain. The handling and transportation of organic waste can lead to air and water pollution, emitting foul odours, attracting pests, and posing potential health hazards to nearby residents. Such negative impacts on our environment would undermine the quality of life for everyone in the community.

Additionally, the proposed transfer station would be located in close proximity to residential areas and other important community facilities. This raises concerns about the potential adverse effects on public health and well-being. Studies have shown that exposure to organic waste can lead to respiratory issues, allergies, and other health problems. The presence of a waste transfer station near homes, schools, and healthcare facilities is simply incompatible with promoting a safe and healthy living environment for our community members, particularly children and the elderly, who are more vulnerable to such risks.

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Furthermore, the construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station could have severe socioeconomic consequences for our community. Property values are likely to decline, impacting homeowners and discouraging future investments. Additionally, the odour and potential pollution associated with the facility could deter tourists, leading to a negative impact on local businesses that rely on tourism as a source of income. These economic repercussions would further strain our community and hinder its growth and development.

Considering these compelling reasons, I strongly urge the local council to reconsider the proposal for the organic waste transfer station. I request that you prioritize the long-term well-being and interests of the community by seeking alternative, environmentally sustainable solutions for managing organic waste. By exploring innovative methods such as composting facilities, waste-to-energy technologies, and community education programs, we can effectively address the issue of organic waste without endangering the health, environment, and economy of our community.

I kindly request that you keep me informed of any upcoming meetings, hearings, or opportunities for public input regarding this matter. I am eager to contribute to the conversation and work together with the council and community to find alternative solutions that align with our shared values and aspirations.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I trust that you will give careful consideration to the concerns raised by the community, and I sincerely hope that you will make the right decision for the well-being and future of our neighbourhood.

