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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns Regarding Application No: DA2023/0130 - Proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe

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Dear Cumberland Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe, as outlined in Application No: DA2023/0130. I believe it is essential for these concerns to be considered before any decisions are made. Please find below the details of my concerns:

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matters of concern:

1. **Traffic Issues:** I am concerned about the projected 118 truck movements daily associated with the proposed waste transfer station. These truck movements would pass through town and potentially residential areas, causing congestion and potential safety hazards. Furthermore, the timing of these movements does not align within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), necessitating more detailed and corrected information.
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3. **Quality of Road Network:** The ongoing heavy vehicle usage resulting from the waste transfer station is likely to cause damage to the roads and roundabouts in the vicinity. This will require maintenance efforts from the Council. Additionally, there is a risk of rubbish "flying out" during transport, even though the trucks are supposed to be covered.
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5. **Hours of Operation:** The proposed operating hours outlined in the EIS (Monday to Friday: 6.00 am to 10.00 pm, Saturday: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm) exceed the timeframes specified in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (DCP) for the Industrial zone. The extended operational times pose a significant deviation from the DCP guidelines.
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7. **Odour Control:** While the Environmental Impact Statement and other reports claim to address odour concerns, there is no absolute assurance that the site's odour can be effectively controlled. Odours may also impact the surrounding areas during truck transportation, affecting both commercial entities in Lidcombe and residential areas.
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9. **Location:** The proposed waste transfer station is situated within close proximity (less than 100 meters) to a residential area. With significant public housing, affordable housing, and

units nearing completion nearby, it is highly inappropriate for this proposal to be situated in such proximity.

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11. The proposed operation undermines the protection of residential amenity as stated in the Cumberland Development Control Plan (item 2.12 – Operational Management). Additionally, the proposed location encroaches upon the amenity of the public space, including the Pippita Rail Trail, which is intended for active use and improved access to parklands and open spaces.

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13. **Potential Future Tip Operations:** If approved, it is crucial for Cumberland City Council to monitor the operations of this business. I request clarification on how the council intends to carry out this monitoring and what penalties would be imposed on the operator for deviating from approved operations.

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15. Furthermore, I am concerned about the potential expansion of the waste transfer station to include other waste types, such as garbage, recycling, green waste, FOGO, and building waste (including asbestos). It would be valuable to know how Cumberland City Council plans to monitor and address such potential expansions.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the proposed Organic Waste Transfer Station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe. I strongly urge the council to carefully consider the implications of this development on the community and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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