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Cumberland Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed construction and operation of an organic waste transfer station at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe, NSW 2141; Lot 1 DP 778492, as outlined in File: DA2023/0130. This letter serves as a formal complaint and highlights several critical concerns that this development would bring to our community.

Foremost among these concerns is the issue of noise pollution. Our neighborhood currently enjoys a peaceful and tranquil environment, which would be significantly disrupted by the presence of a waste transfer station. The constant movement of waste transfer trucks and the associated activities would introduce high levels of noise that would disturb the residents' daily lives and compromise the serenity of the area.

Furthermore, the proposed transfer station would add to the existing congestion on Church Street and the main road, Parramatta Road. The increased traffic from waste transfer trucks maneuvering in and out of the station would contribute to further congestion, creating inconvenience and safety hazards for both pedestrians and motorists. This additional traffic burden would also put a strain on the road infrastructure, potentially leading to road damage and increased maintenance costs.

In addition to the noise and traffic concerns, the organic waste transfer station would emit foul odors and harmful fumes. The noxious smells and fumes originating from the trucks and the waste processing facilities would permeate the surrounding area, affecting the air quality and creating an unpleasant living environment for the residents. These odors and fumes have the potential to cause health issues and reduce the overall well-being of the community members. Moreover, the operation of the transfer station would result in the generation of significant dust. This dust not only poses an aesthetic inconvenience but also poses health risks to the residents, particularly those with respiratory conditions. The airborne dust particles can lead to respiratory ailments and allergies, compromising the health of individuals in the vicinity.

Lastly, the constant movement of heavy waste transfer trucks would contribute to road damage. Our local roads are not designed to withstand the continuous traffic and load-bearing activity associated with such operations. The wear and tear caused by these trucks would deteriorate the road surface, requiring frequent repairs and maintenance that would impose additional financial burdens on the community.

Considering the detrimental effects outlined above, I strongly urge the Cumberland Council to reconsider the approval of the organic waste transfer station proposal. The negative consequences, including noise pollution, increased traffic congestion, foul odors and fumes, dust pollution, and road damage, outweigh any potential benefits this facility may bring. It is crucial for the council to prioritize the well-being and quality of life of the residents and explore alternative locations for the waste management operations, far away from residential areas. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I request that my objections be given serious consideration during the evaluation of the proposed organic waste transfer station. I would appreciate regular updates and communication regarding any decisions or developments regarding this issue.



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