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

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Dear Sir/Madam

I want to object to the above-mentioned development application for constructing and operating an Organic Waste Transfer Station (the 'Station') at 109A Church Street, Lidcombe.

As a mother with young children living in Lidcombe, I am particularly concerned with the health and safety risks posed by the Station.

According to the information provided on the Cumberland Council's website, the Station will bring 80,000 tonnes of organic waste from various Sydney councils into Lidcombe per year. Organic waste is food for pests such as rats and cockroaches. With the site being so close (less than 100 metres) to residential properties, schools, childcare, aged care and local businesses, it could bring diseases and other health issues to Lidcombe.

In addition, the Station is more than just a transfer station as suggested by its name. According to the Environmental Impact Statement ('EIS') at page 36, the Station will separate hazardous contaminants (such as asbestos) on the site before transporting the organic waste out for further processing. There is no guarantee that the air, water and soil in the Lidcombe and Homebush areas will not be polluted by the operation of the Station and any garbage truck fall outs during waste transportation.

In addition, the Station's long operating hours (Monday to Friday from 6am to 10pm and Saturday from 8am to 6pm) will dramatically increase local residents' exposure to the pollutions from the Station. The health costs associated with this will be borne by residents rather than the Station.

As a residential suburb, Lidcombe's roads are not designed to handle extensive use by heavy vehicles such as large garbage trucks with a length of 20 metres. With about 118 truck movements enter and exit Lidcombe daily, undoubtably it will create more traffic congestions in the local area, and safety hazards for local residents, drivers and pedestrians. Any damages to the roads will ultimately be paid by residents in the Cumberland Council area rather than the Station.

I appreciate that the site is currently being zoned for industry usage. However, a waste station is not the kind of businesses that should be located here. Unlike the current usage of the site (i.e. parking heavy vehicles and storage of general maintenance equipment (see EIS at page 27)), the Station will put everyone lives, works and travels nearby at risk. Not to mention that the value of our real estate properties in the Lidcombe will decrease due to the Station. Nobody wants to live next to a rubbish tip.

Therefore, I would like to ask the Cumberland Council to reject DA2023/0130. We want a safe and clean Lidcombe to live in.

Thank you for your consideration.