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Reference: Development Proposal DA2023/0130 - Demolition of existing buildings and construction/operation of an organic waste transfer station 109A Church St, Lidcombe.

Dear Sir,

I would like to submit my objections to the proposed Putrid Waste transfer station at 109A Church St, Lidcombe. I have been a resident of Cumberland Council and the former Auburn Council areas for a total of 38 years, I have been involved in local waste issues since the campaign to oppose the Collex (Veolia) Waste Transfer Station in the early 2000's in Auburn.

Both proposals have similarities where they attempt to Green wash what is a dirty, polluting and toxic Industry, in this case naming the facility organic in an attempt to divert residents attention from the real purpose of the waste facility which is handling mainly obnoxious putrid waste.

The proposed waste facility magnifies and increases the current problem of a clustering and concentration of these dirty Industries in our surrounding area. This includes the waste transfer station (Veolia) off Parramatta Rd, Auburn; the liquid waste plant (Cleanaway) and the waste recycling facility on Hill Rd, Olympic Park; the radioactive waste storage on Weeroona Rd, Lidcombe; the building and construction waste facility on Arthur St and the medical waste incinerator off Wiblin Street, Silverwater.

The impact of six waste facilities and the addition of the putrid waste transfer station have a significant negative impact on residents, everything from traffic congestion due to heavy vehicles, poor health outcomes for our kids and elderly from poor air quality, bad odour for residents living in near proximity to the waste facilities and an increase in pest and rodent activity. The concentration of waste facilities in our area is oppressive and discriminatory, we can only come to one conclusion that clustering is due to our community being vulnerable with both a larger percentage of residents from low incomes and non English speaking backgrounds and less likely to push back against bad decision making.

In regard to the bad impacts from this specific proposal the most obvious is how close it is to high density residential development on Church St, the Lidcombe Rise Apartments and it seems no mistake that the social housing component of this development is within 150 metres of the proposed waste transfer station. To the rear of the proposed development is Bachell Avenue and a combination of single residential houses and town house apartments. The proposed putrid waste station is completely inappropriate because of its closeness to residential housing.

When I read the traffic impact statement I could only imagine that the people preparing the report had never visited or studied the proposed area, both north and south sides of Lidcombe are in the process of development with high density apartments in different stages of construction, some recently completed and other developments approved but not yet started. The sum total of this high rise development will be a substantial increase in our population and a big increase in the number of vehicles using nearby streets.

I am concerned with the lack of consultation, this part of Lidcombe is home to a large number of residents from non English speaking backgrounds and no attempt was made to translate information into their spoken languages, the

information available to even residents with English as their first language was poor and many people only found out about the proposed development by default.

The other concern is the lack of proper documentation with the application, for example there is no way of knowing who the operator of this proposed facility is going to be and whether or not they have experience in operating this type of facility, all we know is the proponent is the land owner and its not clear if they will operate the facility. The whole Application can be summed up as an act of disrespect to our residents and our community and we humbly request that the putrid waste transfer station be rejected.

Yours Faithfully