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Department of Planning and Environment

Director –Social and other Infrastructure Assessments

GPO Box 39

Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Director,

I am written to you regarding the new development Application to construct a Forensic Pathology and Coroner's Court in Lidcombe.

I would like to make an objection to the proposed entrance/exit to the facilities on Main Avenue in the Botanica residential estate.

Having the entrance/exit in the Botanica estate will increase traffic flow through the residential estate. This is an estate with many young families. Children accessing the park and just out playing in the estate are put at a higher risk of an accident or worse. People that live in the estate drive with the caution of young children in the area but strangers to the area won't. Plus understanding where they have just left their mind will not be 100% on the road.

The roads in the estate were built for residential traffic and are not wide enough to accommodate business traffic. In big coroner's cases the traffic will be high and the visitors to the facility will also park in the estate roads. This causes havoc on the roads as they are not built to accommodate a large volume of cars. You can see this first hand on Sundays from the visitors to the Korean church.

We also have Ferguson Lodge in the estate; these disabled persons have a tough time as it is getting around. Estate residents share the roads with the wheelchairs and give way, what will happen to them?

I can't understand why you would open a huge facility like this in a residential estate? Why is the access not on Weeroona road or Joseph Street with the existing facilities? Why even consider involving a quiet residential estate with young children narrow streets and clearly not a business area?

There is also a concern for the safety of my family and residents of Botanica if Mian Avenue is used for the delivery of chemicals for the mortuary and laboratories. The buses have a hard enough time fitting down the narrow roads these trucks are larger and carrying dangerous goods.

If you must open the facility in this area keep it away from the residential estate. If the visitors/staff in the facility access the entrance from Joseph street 24/7, how do you propose they will exit if heading north on Joseph Street? Traffic coming in from Weeroona Road will have to drive through the estate.

What about the heritage buildings that will be demolished in the preparation for the new site has anyone considered this in their decisions?

Please consider my family and my neighbours why designing the new structure and please use other options for the entrance and exit.

Kind regard

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