

7 June 2019

Professor Mary O'Kane AC Chair
Independent Planning Commission
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Dear Professor O'Kane

Crown Cemetery Development Applications – Varroville (A085/18) and Wallacia (A084/18)

Further to my letter of the 6th of June please find attached a letter from the Greater Sydney Commission in relation to the strategic considerations for the location of new cemeteries in Metropolitan Sydney.

The attached letter was sent following a meeting on 3rd of April with the CEO and Executive Director of the Greater Sydney Commission where we outlined the comprehensive evaluation process undertaken prior to the acquisition of the two Cemetery sites at Varroville and Wallacia. The Commission officers complimented our work and took copies of our procedures which was comprehensive and rigorous in terms of the assessment process.

I draw your attention to the comments in the attached letter that the Independent Planning Commission should not delay their consideration and determination of the two cemetery proposals at Varroville and Wallacia pending their report to the Premier.

Lastly, I would appreciate the opportunity for my Chairman Greg Smith and me to meet with you to ascertain the status of our two Development Applications. I will have my assistant contact your office and arrange a time to meet.

Yours sincerely,



Peter O'Meara
Chief Executive Officer
Catholic Cemeteries Board

cc. Dianne Leeson, Adrian Pilton, Ross Carter and Minister Rob Stokes



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Mr Peter O'Meara
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Dear Mr O'Meara

I refer to our meeting of 3 April 2019 at which you explained the process by which the Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria Trust identified the sites at Wallacia and Varroville, and subsequently submitted applications, to develop the lands for cemeteries.

The Greater Sydney Commission has been requested by the Premier to provide advice on the strategic considerations for the provision of new cemeteries with a focus on the Greater Sydney Region. The work being undertaken by the Commission does not involve the assessment or consideration of specific sites or proposals for cemeteries.

Further to our meeting, and your enquiry about the Commission's work, I confirm my opinion that the Commission's work should not impact or delay the consideration or determination by the Independent Planning Commission of the applications for Wallacia and Varroville.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Greg Woodhams
Executive Director, City Planning