



IPC DELEGATED MINISTERS FUNCTIONS FOR TWO NEW CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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The Minister for Planning has delegated his functions under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to the state's Independent Planning Commission in relation to two crown development applications (DAs) lodged by the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) for new cemeteries in Sydney's west and south-west.

CMCT lodged a Crown Development Application with Campbelltown City Council in October last year to establish a new cemetery and parklands on St Andrews Road, Varroville.

In November 2017, CMCT submitted a separate application to Penrith City Council for a new cemetery on Park Road, Wallacia.

The Sydney Western City Planning Panel is the consent authority for both applications.

CMCT wrote to the Minister and referred the applications as the Panel had not determined either matter within 70 days after the applications were lodged.

Given the considerable public interest in the two cemetery proposals and to avoid any unnecessary delays, the Minister has delegated his relevant functions under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* to the Commission for both development applications as the Minister considers that the Commission can "appropriately balance the various interests".

The Commission is currently reviewing the projects to identify the most appropriate process to allow the matters to be assessed and determined.

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