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Good Afternoon

I have been on the IPCN site, looking to object to a comment raised by Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce. However, there is not the ability to do so, the only ability is to object to comments that oppose the development, so surely this is an oversight, and I am sure we can object to those who feel this is a worthwhile development. I have attached a screen shot of what I can see, if there is another section of the website, where I can object please forward that, so I am able to do so.

In regards to Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce, I would firstly like to bring to your attention that one of three perpetual members is Kemps Creek Cemetery and Crematoria. So whilst they are promoting local business's of Penrith, they are not in a position to take a stand against a major financial contributor. My other concern with the supporters of the Wallacia Cemetery Development is the strong financial and religious links to organisations which are meant to be charities. However, the commercial interests of this organisation are not charitable – they are not going to make the township of Wallacia a charity donation of a recreational facility, they are going to put a cemetery here, the charitable community and recreation facilities are to placate a community into accepting their feeble offer.

Even more disappointing from a Chamber of Commerce, is that there is no acknowledgement of the businesses in the area, it is all about businesses in Penrith. Predominantly funeral homes who are understandably supporting any development in this area for extra burial spots. But they are supporting the financial viability of the development, and the same financial gain could be received from any of the other sites that Penrith City Council have offered CMCT. So with other sites available, why is this Charitable/religious organisation pushing so hard, and spending so much money on trying to prove how suitable this site is. Dead people just need to be buried, it doesn't have to be in prime CBD real estate of a rural township, particularly when there is vast parcels of land surrounding Wallacia, that would have far less impact on a community, and already approved for such purposes.

I have a business that is directly opposite the proposed cemetery entrance, and I don't feel that the Chamber of Commerce is doing anything for business in the area, it really is just looking after the donors attached to it's organisation. Again, another community organisation whose moral choices are in the long run not going to be offering our community any benefit.

Further to this, they are making the wild accusations that the golf course will cease to operate in the near future if it wasn't for the proposed development. Our community is completely of the opposite view. A new club in St John's Park has taken over the facility. Being a club hopefully they will abide by their constitution and see a long term development of the area, with plenty of opportunity to provide real recreational facilities and give back to the members of its club. Even if this fails there are other options for the running of a club, including Penrith Council maintaining and running the facility. This is a facility and green space that has historical and cultural significance to our district, please do not think that this golf course is not wanted, it most definitely is.

Thank you for your time, and again please accept this as complete objection to the proposed development of Wallacia Golf Course. It should and always remain a golf course and green space for our community, not green space in which it is scattered with mourning families and gravestones (which by definition isn't greenspace) and requires a level of respect to the people buried and those visiting or farewelling family members.

Regards

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