



1 August 2018

Mr Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
320 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Ray

Crown Cemetery Development Wallacia

The Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) has received from the Minister of Planning, a development application by the Catholic Cemeteries Trust for the construction and operation of a cemetery and crematoria located at Wallacia in the Penrith local government area. A copy of the Minister's letter has been attached. The Minister delegated his functions to the Commission to assess the application pursuant to section 2.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*, on 4 June 2018. A copy of this delegation has also been attached.

The Minister, on 29 June 2018, wrote to Penrith City Council (the Council) directing them to provide all relevant information to the Commission, noting that the Commission would be responsible for the finalisation of the applications assessment, prior to directing the Sydney Western City Planning Panel to determine the application. A copy of the letter is attached.

The Commission, pursuant to section 2.11(a) of the EP&A Act, the Commission may:

arrange for the use of the services of any staff or facilities of the Department of Planning and Environment or other public authority.

In this regard, the Commission is writing to you to request that the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) to undertake the remaining assessment of the application.

The Commission currently holds all relevant documents provided by Council, and these will be forwarded to the Department. The Commission is also expecting the Council to provide it's completed assessment report shortly, and this will be provided to the Department once received.

The Department's role will be to review the Council assessment report and supporting documents and advise the Commission if all relevant steps, and matters for consideration have been given due consideration under the relevant provisions of the EP&A Act and Regulation. The commission would request a briefing with the Department within 14 days of receipt of the Council assessment report to confirm the process and timing to complete the assessment.

At the completion of the Department's assessment the Commission will undertake public consultation on the application.

It would be appreciated if you could provide the contact details of the relevant Executive Director or Direction for the team who will be responsible for completing the assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact David McNamara, Director on 9383 2100 if you require any further information or clarification.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mary O'Kane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary O'Kane

Chair

Independent Planning Commission