



Catholic Cemeteries
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Dear Assessing Officer,

Re: Wallacia Memorial Park – DA: 17/1092

This letter has been prepared by the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust in response to the request for additional information letter prepared by Penrith City Council regarding DA 17/1092. Specifically this letter provides a response to the items raised in the Public Health Section of this letter.

Item 6a

The preparation of deceased bodies for either burial or cremation services will be completed offsite and not at the proposed Chapel and Crematorium facility. Therefore items 6.i to 6.iv are not applicable in this instance.

Item 6b

Area 4, shown on the Basement Floor Plan as a designated mortuary, is an area that contains a suitable refrigerated unit only, capable of storing twelve deceased adult bodies encased in suitable coffins in a refrigerated environment.

The refrigerated unit enables the proposed chapel and crematorium facility to comply with the current NSW Health regulation 2012 Disposal of Bodies. As the requirement of this regulation clearly states that to enable a cemetery/crematorium to store deceased bodies for a maximum time of 48 hours from the time of receipt, the deceased remains must be in a suitable coffin and stored in a refrigerated unit. Furthermore, as the preparation of deceased bodies will not be completed in the proposed facilities the information requested at item 6.cii is not required.

Item 6d

Both the Cemetery and Crematorium Act and the NSW Health Regulation 2012 Disposal of Bodies stipulate the required cover of 900mm must be provided. If not achievable prior approval is required to be granted by the NSW Department of Health to use a shallow burial procedure in compliance with the NSW Health Policy Directive Shallow Burial Document No. PD2013_045, The Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust will operate in compliance with the Act and Regulation above.

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Item 6e

As above-ground burial structures are not included in the proposed DA this item request is not applicable.

Item 6f

This item has been covered in Item 6.b above. As advised, the installation of refrigeration units will enable coffins to be stored for a maximum period of 48 hours after delivery for cremation.

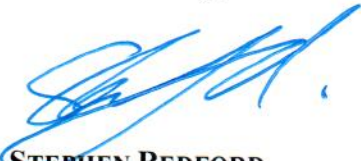
Item 6g

Both the NSW Cemetery and Cremation Act and the NSW Health Regulation 2012 Disposal of Bodies stipulate the records a cemetery/crematorium must maintain for all burial and cremation services.

Item 6h

As body preparation will not be completed on-site this clause is not applicable.

Yours faithfully,



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