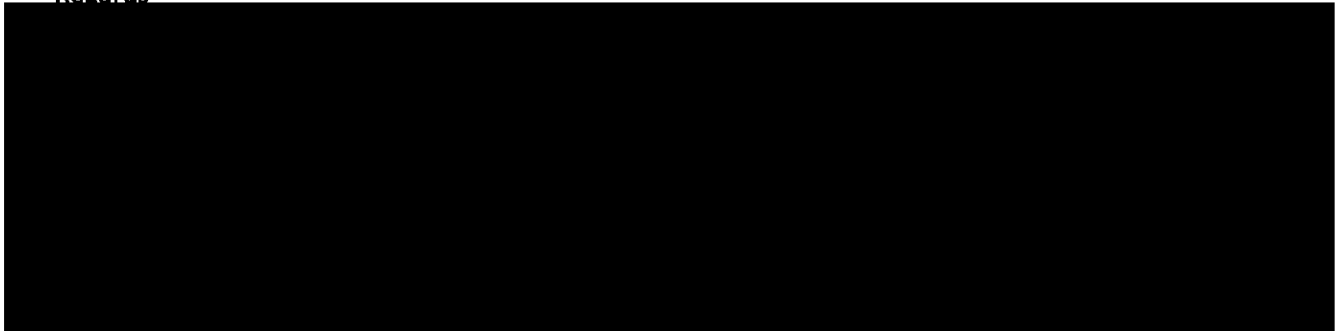




I am a concerned resident of more than twenty years and the DA before council regarding the redevelopment of our beloved golf course into a cemetery and crematoriums is not in the best interest of our community as i have outlined in the attachment. I thank you in advance for your efforts in preventing this inappropriate development in our village.
Regards



26th February, 2018

NO CEMETERY FOR THE HEART OF WALLACIA

I am writing to you to express my objection to the proposed Cemetery & Crematorium at Wallacia on the current site of the Wallacia Golf Club submitted to Penrith City Council by Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (DA017/10920).

As a long term resident, I believe such a development is inappropriate for the rural landscape of the Wallacia village especially as the Wallacia Golf Club is located in the heart of our village. It is the only sporting amenity in our village, and historically the first women's golf course in Australia.

The proposed 88,000 burial plots, chapels, function rooms, administration rooms and two crematoriums will impact greatly on the traffic congestion to the local roads which are already under strain from the rapid housing subdivision/development from Silverdale and surrounding areas. From the figures in the proposal, it is estimated there will be approximately 11-19 burials/cremations per day. That will certainly bring much traffic congestion to a single lane road with only a proposed small turning lane heading west down Park Road to deal with the increased traffic caused by funeral processions/cortèges. The study also indicated that residents exclusively relied on their cars for transportation as public transport is not a viable option in this area.

Other considerations are pollutions omitted from the cremators. Information included in the DA indicated that on average there will be approximately 8 cremations per cremator per day, and the average cremation would generally take 90 minutes per body, so in fact the cremators will be in operation for approximately 10 -12 hours per day depending on the body mass. This combined with the new Badgerys Creek Airport proposed to commence operations in the next 8 to 9 years will certainly impact on our rural village. This makes any pollution from this inappropriate proposal cumulative in its impact on our village.

I strongly believe that putting a cemetery in the middle of an established residential area will reduce the value of properties significantly and unnecessary. This development has come about without any consultation or consideration for the local community

We chose to live in a peaceful rural setting, fresh air with rural country views. We strongly object to this proposal which will adversely impact on our way of life and the future generations. Please reconsider this proposal as it is not in the best interest of our community.

Yours Faithfully

