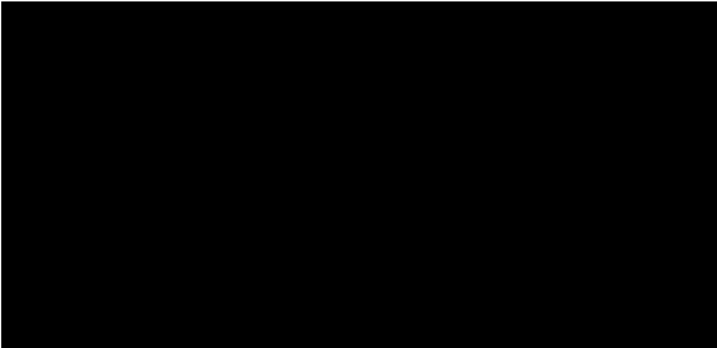


Dear Penrith Council,

Please find attached my objection to the rezoning and building of a cemetery and crematorium in Wallacia.



30th December 2017

Dear Penrith Council,

Reference: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION: DA17/1092

Proposed cemetery and crematorium by Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries at 13 – 15 Park Road Wallacia and 512 Mulgoa Road Wallacia NSW 2745

The full description of the development application as it appears on the Penrith Council website: **Staged Construction of Wallacia Memorial Park including Cemetery for 88,000 Burial Plots, Chapel & Related Crematorium & Function Rooms, Administration Building, Services Outbuilding, Parkland Areas, Internal Roads, Car Parking & Associated Landscaping & Site Servicing Works**

I write in consideration of above planning application. I have examined the plans and I know the site well. I wish to object strongly to the development of a cemetery and crematorium in the heart of this rural village.

Wallacia is a small township, and is still very community based, the Golf Course and Club House are a big part of the local social structure, along with the visitors it draws to our community to play a round of golf.

The history of Wallacia Golf Course dates back to 1928 as a private course. Wallacia Golf Club Propriety Limited was established in 1962, when the members raised money by way of debentures to purchase the land from the Fowler/Montefiore family.

Along with the above heritage in the local community Wallacia Golf Club also boasts some controversial history with the ladies purchasing their own club house in 1934; this was unheard of in this era as women were not permitted to be full members of golf clubs. A ruling was sought from the governing body of golf at St Andrews in Scotland, which allowed the ladies to retain the clubhouse. The ladies associates were the first women in Australia to have their own clubhouse.

The Wallacia Golf Club's current land zoning is E3 Environmental Management, which clearly states that, the objectives for this land are as follows:

- To protect, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To provide for a limited range of development that does not have an adverse effect on those values.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within the zone and land uses within adjoining zones.
- To ensure development is compatible with the environmental capabilities of the land and does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities.
- To preserve and improve natural resources through appropriate land management practices.

In addition to the above it is noted that permitted with consent within the E3 Environmental Management zoning is cemeteries, it is also noted that a Crematorium is prohibited.

With reference to the above, while under the current zoning a cemetery is permitted, this proposed cemetery will be in the heart of the town, this I believe should also fall under the prohibited list, as a cemetery in the heart of Wallacia township will take away from the Village atmosphere and current zoning of our town.

Finally, please note that our submission is in respect of the proposed development. While we have taken every effort to present accurate information for your consideration, as we are not a decision maker or statutory consultee, we cannot accept any responsibility for unintentional errors or omissions and you should satisfy yourselves on any facts before reaching your decision.

Yours faithfully,

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