

Date: 19 February 2018

Penrith City Council
Attn: Clare Aslanis
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Dear Assessing Officer,

Wallacia Memorial Park - DA: 17/1092

This letter is to support the proposal from the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust to establish Wallacia Memorial Park to provide much needed burial space in Western Sydney. The need for adequate burial space is an ongoing concern to all, especially to the Muslim community. Muslims living in Western Sydney area are concerned about the critical shortage of affordable burial space.

As the population continues to grow in the area, the requirement for essential infrastructure such as hospitals, schools and cemeteries continue to increase. Due to limited availability of appropriate burial sites, the greatest and most urgent issue faced by the local Muslims is the severe shortage of burial sites. It is important that cemetery allocation and development be given priority to provide assurance to our community members that affordable and attractive burial options will be available both in the short and long term.

We believe the proposal for the Wallacia Memorial Park development will provide much needed burial space for all in the community, enhance the current facilities on site and also protect the rural aspect of the Wallacia area. This will protect the land from any further development, provide local jobs, as well as public recreational space for the residents of Wallacia area.

Yours sincerely,