



To Whom it May Concern,

This is an objection to DA17/1092 concerning the development on the Wallacia Golf Course Site.

I appreciate the information provided in your letter, dated 17 November 2017, addressed to the residents of Wallacia, irrespective of the Council's roll as the consent authority. And I appreciate the extension on the date to submit an objection to the 28th February 2018.

I was shocked to hear of the sale of this land and the lodging of this DA - there has been a longstanding belief throughout the local community that this land was 'Crown Land', donated to the people of the area early in the conception of the suburb, set aside for social and sporting events. I have the impression that the current owners of the land made the purchase through a private sale, further confusing the matter. The secret nature of these dealings sows a thread of distrust through the local community that such contracts are being made fairly, honestly and with full disclosure.

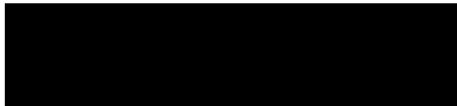
Specific issues I note with the proposed DA:

- loss of community meeting place

Wallacia Golf Club, previously a standalone club and now under the management of Panthers, has for many decades (since 1932!) provided to its small surrounding community a stable recreational outlet and meeting place. This applies to members of the wider community as management through Panthers opens up golf playing rights to a larger group of people reflected through Panthers Membership. The club remains community focused, in keeping in line with Panthers Group philosophy. I do not think that a cemetery will be able to provide in anyway the level of outdoor activity or social setting that is reflected in the current use of the land.

- contradiction with Penrith Council policies

It has been documented that Penrith Council voted to support a planning proposal that prohibited the development of cemeteries and crematoriums in the Mulgoa Valley and Wallacia areas including amendments to Penrith's Local Environmental. The application to create the crematorium and cemetery on the Wallacia Golf Club site would directly contradict these recent changes. Why say yes to Wallacia when recently the answer was 'no' for Fernhill?



- destruction of the land for purposes of human burials

Research suggests that traditional burial and cremation practices can have a significant negative environmental impact. It is an ongoing concern that these procedures continue to be followed and that local, state and national governments do not investigate more long term solutions for the disposal of human remains. I realize this is a sensitive issue that spans across demographics, cultures and religions however I do not believe it is sustainable to continue the practice of burying remains in community spaces.

Thank you for your time.

