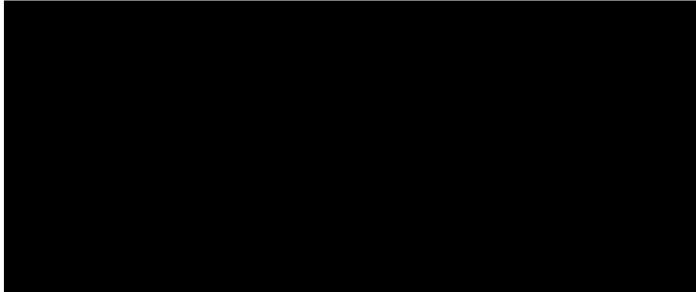


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Dear Penrith Council,

Reference DA 17/1092

I am asking for your help in relation to the proposed cemetery and crematorium at the site of the Wallacia Golf Course. A proposal to build an 88 000 grave cemetery on the current golf course has been suggested.

I am deeply concerned that such land use would create significant problems including but not limited by:

1. Traffic. As a long-term resident of nearby Luddenham, I am concerned that the increase in traffic created by the cemetery would be dangerous on an already inadequate road system. ALL roads to Wallacia are narrow, poorly maintained and have been the site of fatal car crashes.

2. Air quality. As you are aware, Wallacia is in the Sydney Basin, air quality is already poor on many days in this area exacerbated by temperature inversions and bush fires. The proposed cemetery has plans for two crematoriums. The crematoriums will release mercury into the air that our children and we breathe for days at a time. The golf course is literally in the centre of Wallacia, across the road from Wallacia primary school. What level of mercury are you prepared for your children to breathe? Please remember that mercury is toxic to the human nervous system.

3. Flooding. Another problem is Wallacia floods. During flood times, Wallacia can become an island. I have seen the 17th green on the golf course submerged. My mother has witnessed floodwaters inches away



from the power lines over Jerrys Creek. Any buried bodies would not be safe from flooding and neither would the water that they contaminate.

4. **Sickness.** During this time of constant urban encroachment on rural and recreational land, I urge those responsible for the wellbeing of our citizens to be mindful that losing the golf course, which is now over 80 years old, would be very sad and detrimental to the mental and physical health of the residents of this beautiful region. We are all aware that obesity is a plague of the 20th century, removing Wallacia's only significant sporting facility is counterintuitive. I remind decision makers that a local family, the Fowlers, donated this land to the people of Wallacia for recreational use. Rather than play golf some people simply walk the golf course to enjoy its magnificence. There is nothing recreational about a cemetery.

5. **Historical.** Wallacia Golf Club was the first golf club in NSW where women, then known as "Associate Members" to have their own rooms.

If we lose our golf course what other land do you propose be available for recreation.

I urge Council to look at the long term needs of our region, cemeteries will be needed but not on this magnificent public land. Please consider the needs of the living before the needs of the deceased.

