

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [IPCN Enquiries Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SAYING NO TO WALLACIA MEMORIAL PARK, WALLACIA CEMETERY  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 April 2019 5:07:23 PM  
**Importance:** High

---

Good Afternoon Commissioners,

Attention: the board of the IPC, Panel members and Commissioners.

Opposed to Wallacia Cemetery/Crematoria . for IPC hearing 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

My name is Melissa Pulo, I have lived in Wallacia for 19 years and have **experienced** rural living, peace and quiet, also **floods** within this time. I have seen the impacts of the disturbance of these floods, also the population growth that is occurring rapidly in Sydney and especially the greater west which is here at our doorstep. I sincerely believe that Wallacia Memorial Park is NOT in the local and Public Interest here in Wallacia.

I live on Park Rd Wallacia, I strongly object to the Wallacia Cemetery proposed development. We are the first 5 acre block coming down Park Rd, backing onto the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole in top corner of the golf course. This cemetery will impact our property SEVERLEY, it will impact our lives, especially our health and well-being and our future!! To the lives of my adult children, my grandchildren which are at the local schools and childcare. We our hard-working Australian citizens and tax payers. Our 5 acre block is our retirement. If this cemetery goes ahead it will de-value our property as is proven with other surrounding properties around cemeteries & now proposed to have high head stones over my back fence.

I ask you IPC?????, do you really care for US, the people? If you truly do so and are listening and taking everything into consideration, this cemetery is NOT AN OPTION.

I am bewildered as to why the IPC, would consider taking away an existing recreational facility (a large portion of the golf course) and replace it with a cemetery, especially when there are other sites in neighbouring suburbs already designated and approved for such use within approximately 10-50km radius.

The CMCT already owns Greendale Cemetery with approximately 85,000 burial plots x 2 deep now equates to 170,000 and Kemps Creek Crematorium and Cemetery, which is easily expandable also. Why do CMCT want another in such short proximity to the existing facilities? In total of cemeteries which we do have information for is 246,000 burial plots. We also know that Penrith, St Marys and Emu plains still have capacity for burial plots. WHY put it in the centre of our village?

Luddenham memorial park has been approved for 38,000 burial plots and if 2 deep this now equates to 76,000. I wonder???? truly if each council talk to each other why do they seem to put large proposals on the edge of councils borders and not plan for problems that WILL disturb INFRASTRUCTURE, THE QUALITY OF LIVING, rural living of our people, health, native fauna, wildlife and our environment, which is VASTLY IMPORTANT TODAY

AS YOU ARE FULLY AND COMPLETELY AWARE.

I mention this with COMPASSION AND EMPATHY, that a cemetery is a place of death, sadness and morbidity. It is a place for the DEAD to REST and for people to grieve which never ever ceases. Not to play golf around, walk a dog through or around a cemetery and to maybe do its business and a place to not even jog through. A CEMETERY IS NOT A PLACE FOR RECREATION TO BE SURROUNDED WITH AND IS CERTAINLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR THIS TO BE EVEN SUGGESTED & ALLOWED HERE ON THIS LAND.

I ask the IPC are you going to be responsible for the pro longed life of people in our area? Are you? I certainly trust you do!!! This can only happen by not allowing this cemetery to go ahead, or are you going to be responsible for the faster DEATHS of people, as that will happen if this site goes ahead, by the increase of deaths and accidents on our roads, the shortness of lives from health and well-being issues that will impact OUR area, OUR VILLAGE from such a site and pressure on the greater west over the years to come.

What I can gather from the Wallacia proposal is THIS IS NOT FACTORED IN, therefore many cars will be parked on Park Rd and surrounding streets. Park Rd already is a busy road with traffic coming from Silverdale, Wallacia, Mulgoa, Glenmore Park, Penrith and from the south such as Narellan, the oaks, and further south such as Thirlmere and Picton due to the increasing urbanisation. We are already congested with numerous trucks coming up and down Park Rd and is increasing DAILY.

The only response for the CMCT proposal is a negative response from the community AND has been suggested that it has been an underhanded deal.

Wallacia is in a flood zone and even though they believe that they can control the flood, this is ridiculous and furthermore, it is difficult for me to understand the hydrology aspect. All I know is when anything seems too good to be true it generally is!! There is always something they are not revealing or purposely hiding. The problems then arise try to fix them up in the back end when the proposal is established for their interests & not in the community or environment interests

## Questions

- What if the Flood mitigation does not work?
- I don't know a lot about swales, though I have seen them die particularly from cars driving over them as they create a depression or something in the soil or from erosion. I have seen them flat and dirty which is definitely not a good site for a proposed cemetery!!!
- What about snakes luring in among the swales, we do have many snakes which are native to this country. They say a good snake is a dead snake. I beg to differ!!!
- What about Mosquitoes infestation that is common in cemeteries?
- What if the Burial sites become water logged? I read that water is the worst for burial sites I have viewed distressing and alarming photographs of

waterlogged coffins this is very distressing for the families. It would be better for the CMCT to find another place. I have heard that the CMCT was offered twice amount of land in replacement for Wallacia. Not that I allege it to be critical but the question lies what is it in for them when clearly Wallacia is not suitable for such a proposal.

- What about ground water contamination? I assume if they can't see it they are not going to address it. I do know there is abundant research to address this reality!!!! Therefore, I ask for the IPC and the CMCT to look at this. Being a Government Department, would you not have access to so much more information than the general Public
- The CMCT may not want to view any aspect that may be detrimental for their proposal, however, the people and our environment need to be considered in the first instance FIRST AND FOREMOST. Their proposal of an ecologically sustainable development has flaws and potential flaws, particularly for this site!!! HIGHLIGHTING THIS is not in the best interest of the community.
- The question lies that if you know the possibility of something that could happen and you have allowed it to happen affecting people lives then it is not in the Public / Community Interest or appropriate to commence and is responsible for the DEATH OF THE PEOPLE, THE DEATH OF THE VILLAGE, THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE FUTURE & TODAY IN WALLACIA.

I have come dressed today in my recreational sportswear as I have been to the gym which has a great atmosphere, is a place of health and fitness, not a place of death, sadness and grief. I choose to go there, I CHOOSE TO GO to a park with swings, down by the river to do Yoga, rather than a cemetery for any recreational activities.

I trust my statement will be considered when your decision is handed down and PLEASE DO NOT KILL OUR TOWN.

Yours truly

Melissa Pulo

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

