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The Independent Planning Commission<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Australian Devotees of Our Lady of Penafrancia is writing the Commission to reiterate our support the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) proposed Wallacia Memorial Park - A084-18 Crown Cemetery Development, Wallacia.

We hold an annual event in Penrith for the Filipino community, the Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia festival which has been supported by the CMCT for the past ten years.

The Filipino community religious beliefs and cultural practice means that our members prefer to be buried. Members of our community are concerned that the prices for burial graves continue to increase and are becoming more difficult to find. They also want to ensure that families can pre purchase burial graves, so that they can be buried together. They will visit the grave regularly and on special religious days, as is the Filipino custom.

We urge the government to plan for the long term needs of the community and approve new memorial parks for burial space. CMCT have worked closely with us to look after our community, respecting our burial practices.. The site at Wallacia has the capacity to look after the community well into the next century. It is important that the Filipino community of western Sydney be able to continue our religious practices into the future.

We strongly support the CMCT development for Wallacia Memorial Park to address the critical shortage of burial space in western Sydney and to allow our community to continue practicing our religious and cultural beliefs.

Kind regards,

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