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Dear Sir,

I would like to offer my objection to the proposed development. As a resident of Wallacia since 1989 I am both surprised and shocked at the consideration of such a development.

The DA through consultant reports makes light of the obvious issues against a Cemetery in the proposed location. Some of which are:

Flood liability

This location is flood affected and has a P4 protected creek running through it. The water table depth presented is incorrect and the proper depth for burial cannot be obtained.

Traffic

The development does not take into account the existing traffic flow. The roundabout at Park road and Mulgoa road was identified by Penrith City Council in 1999 as being in desperate need of improvement. This has never occurred. Certain DA approved activities impact also on traffic. The HI Quality Quarry at Nortons Basin road has as a condition that the 255 trucks and dogs used on a daily basis must use Park road. This Quarry is also the designated repository for the waste soils from the Westconnect works. Further, there have been three other cemeteries approved along Greendale road. As this is a staged development the 30000 home sites proposed at Luddenham, the 35000 home sites at Warragamba on the old Lion park site and the DA for another 15000 home sites at Silverdale all must be considered in any traffic study.

Air Quality

In Winter air quality is poor in Wallacia due to its Geographic location and the wood smoke from fires. If, as will occur when this Cemetery is approved, two Crematoria are allowed the air will be toxic.

Greater Good

It is argued that this DA is in the greater good for the people of NSW due to the fact a Government report ascertained 88000 burial sites are required (hence this DA). These figures are doubtful if one considers the fact that the new Cemetery act allows for: Three bodies in each grave as well as shortened tenure ..25 years or 99 years. It should be noted there has no consideration been given to the other three Cemeteries on Greendale road and the new DA for another at Vaby (which also will be approved).

I have serious concerns re the Legality of this whole development. I base this comment upon research and articles in the Australian re the history of this sale and purchase.

The sale through Lou (a former player for Panthers) did not go through the legal procedure for the sale of a deamalgamated club. This was approved by the Minister for gaming, the same Minister who approved the purchase for the Cemetery using Government funds. I note Laws were changed as was the the introduction of new Cemetery Acts and boards to legitimise this process. In fact they have set up a structure where no protest against the DA can occur.

A Government in sole power made the decision for purchase from a deregistered, bankrupt Director, utilised Public monies for such a purpose (some \$13 million). It should be noted that this land was never valued as was required under the Act, in fact why Lou buys for \$2.4 million and then six months later sells to the Government for \$13 million is perplexing. Who profited? Perhaps one day the right questions will be asked.

Your panel perhaps should look at the fact this DA could not have been considered if it was not for an "oversight" by Penrith Council in the making of the LEP in 2011. As you would be aware the template was given to Councils by the Department of Planning. Apparently Council left out a reference to Cemeteries being prohibited in this zoned area. It should be noted they did attempt to amend this oversight. Unfortunately the Department of Planning has ignored their request to date. One must ask

why a simple amendment to overcome an oversight should not have been able to be done. Normally such adjustments are only a matter of weeks.

I hope my comments are included in full as stated on the Public website for others to consider. I realise this DA will be approved and the voice of the Residents and other like individuals will be ignored. Even the Liberal member for this area could not change this situation (note she is now on the back bench as of this date). Unfortunately the power of money and the relationship between the Government and the Clubs industry negates a fair consideration of this issue.

Regards,
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