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INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY

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Madam President

In respect to the inquiry into the Funeral Industry I would like to offer the following comments

As an ageing person I am anxious to organise my demise. On enquiring at three Funeral Homes, the quotes were around the \$3,500 mark. When I suggested the use of a Cardboard coffin, I was informed it was not possible, as it was a health hazard.

I thought the quote for my demise was a bit expensive as I only request the removal of carcass, and burnt at the appropriate place. I have no family or friends left. I realise that when considering Cardboard coffins the weight of the corpse would need to be considered, as would the cause of death. Apart from these issues, why should timber coffins be used if other materials are available? It seems a waste of our depleting natural resources.

With politicians and numerous organisations screaming for more population to support the future batch of Old Bludgers perhaps this committee could get in early and realise that there will not be space to bury bodies they will need to be burnt. I have had some cemeteries are being built over in Victoria, private property is being used to bury bodies standing up, and some Funeral Home is using Cardboard coffins.

I hope resolutions to these problems will be finalised with alacrity, as many of us are on the last lap.

Thanking you

Elizabeth Francis