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INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY

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Summary

To Whom It May Concern,
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I understand there is currently an enquiry into the cost of funerals in Australia. The funeral industry seems to be making huge profits from the necessary function of disposing of human remains.

Apparently many Funeral Parlours were owned by American companies but have since been purchased by Macquarie Bank and now are owned 50% by Australian companies and 50% by whomever has bought into this highly profitable business. I object to any of my assets leaving Australia.

Some years ago I enquired about use of cardboard coffins and was told they were illegal in N.S.W. but now find they are legal but the manufacturers have gone out of business, probably due to misinformation. The idea of having to go through a funeral parlour is abhorrent to me.

I can understand that health standards have to be maintained but cannot see why these cannot be upheld by an alternative option.

Having read in "Opinion and Letters" page of 16th June 2005 under heading of "Blooming Way to Go" I feel that that person's wishes are exactly the option I would choose.

I hope that when my time comes my wishes will be followed at very little cost - I want the option to be available.

Yours faithfully,
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