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INQUIRY INTO FUNERAL INDUSTRY

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Summary

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To the Standing Committee on Social Issues,

Recommendations for the Inquiry on Funeral Industry in NSW.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you last week, it was a pleasure, and I am hopeful that it will be of great benefit to the industry.

Continuing under oath, I would like to summarise and submit the following points for your consideration.

1. That the acceptance of a high standard cardboard coffins be set in law, and the Funeral and Crematorium Industry be educated that they are viable and legal, and the use on environmental and cost grounds be accepted.
2. That the option for vertical internment be set in law, for those that want to be planted in that position to accommodate a more natural approach.
3. That enshrined in the legislation is the possibility and standard that families and friends can undertake the whole burial/cremation process themselves, should they want to, from a cost and a holistic approach. That they not be bound by the same standards and requirements that the industry are, for equipment and procedure. As is the case now.
4. That a consumer advice person/office be created so that people are aware and advised on this option, should they require or choose to undertake it themselves.
5. That the creation of cemeteries on private land, for community use be encouraged.

Please contact me if you want any clarification or information. Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity to give evidence. Good luck.

Regards Zenith