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INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA AMENDMENT REGULATION 2018

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The timeframe of 25 years to dig up a grave is too short. In fact, we should be preserving our history by preserving graves. If cemeteries are full, the families should be forced to use an existing family grave where sufficient time has passed to ensure the remains have broken down enough to fit another coffin in. They could then have a new headstone providing details of past 'occupants' are also engraved on it for historical purposes. Where do the remains that are removed go? Who would be responsible for them if there is no surviving family?