

**INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA  
AMENDMENT REGULATION 2018**

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I am horrified to read that a recent bill was introduced to allow cemetery operators to exhume and remove the remains of those interred after a period of 25 years. This is less than the time records for Births, Deaths and Marriages laws allow general access to Family History related enquiries for deaths are embargoed for 30 years; this could be detrimental to family history researchers looking for the final resting place of relatives. Having been born in NSW and with a majority of my relations interred in cemeteries in NSW, this concerns me greatly that the final resting places of my relatives are likely to be disturbed for financial gain of for profit businesses. I realise this has occurred in the past and some of the land is usually transformed into open space (Pioneers Memorial Park Leichhardt) or in the case of Sydney Town Hall being erected on the site of Australia's first cemetery. Please consider this and ensure the bill is amended to disallow retrospective disturbance of the final resting places of those already interred.