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

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To the liberal politicians,

I am writing to express my concern very strongly against the revised regulations imposed by Paul Toole regarding the Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018.

This is a disgraceful and despicable addition to an already horrible piece of legislation. Typical of the liberal government and their lack of compassion and care for their constituents. To impose hurt and disrespect onto already grieving people is a low act in any one's book. I still grieve for my Mother who passed in May 1990; she doesn't matter to you but she definitely does to myself and my family. Not to mention all our ancestors; some of my ancestors were pioneers of this country. Some have already been moved and their gravestones destroyed (West Street Cemetery, Crows Nest, NSW). When I heard that they had been unceremoniously rejected and made way for a park I was furious and deeply upset at the lack of contrition. We need parks, houses, etc but at what expense.

Land can be sort in others ways and areas. This liberal state government is caught up with greed and helping their rich mates if this is what they need to come up with to gain space. The same with high rise and most developments now, all for the rich developers and not the people. Our roads, sewerage, electricity, water etc cannot keep up with this expansion. WE the people are sick and tired of being USED and ABUSED by you, the elected government. But this is the lowest act of all. Desecrating the deceased. I hope you (liberal politicians) and all your families are the first to receive this depravity. How will you feel about that then! Not many could pay for the perpetual graves of all their loved ones.

You have not stopped at the burials either but included the cremations and they don't take up nearly the same amount of room as a burial so why do it. I know it has happened before but it has so stop NOW. Cemeteries are required by law to dispose of our dead. We are not legally allowed to dig a hole in our back yard and bury people. And now the government is giving our deceased relatives and friends a use-by date. How undemocratic is that! The remains of our dearly departed should have the respect of **Resting In Peace**. Would you disturb Aboriginal Graves? Their sacred sites? Then don't disturb our sacred dead.

Paul Toole, as the land and water minister, is unfit to represent the PEOPLE because he has no compassion for those people. As the land minister it could be implied that he is after the land at any price - that is, our cemetery spaces. It is vandalism at its lowest point and by a governmental body. Despicable! It is also very obvious that a lot of changes this government make are done in secret or very quietly so the public cannot have an opinion on what DOES concern them. Sneaky, dishonest and distasteful measures seen to be the liberal governments' calling cards these days in state and federal politics. It is clear that liberal objectives and sensibilities are not in line to help the Australian people but to bring them to their knees. It should be made impossible for any ONE person to change any part of any legislation, regulation, Act etc. Every change should be put to Parliamentary debate and voted on accordingly. All decisions and Bills relative to Australia and its people that don't concern national security, should be made known to the people involved; that is US.

If you look on social media you will see what the people think of you and your regulations. I hope you will turn in your grave when reading them (if you are brave enough that is).

If you wonder why I choose to use lower case for the names of people and the liberal party, it is to denote my complete lack of faith and regard for you all. A capital letter gives one a token of respect which you have not earned. Your deeds and misdeeds have put you all in the lowest possible position on the political, social and humanity scale. You will NOT win the next election because you don't deserve to be in charge of our State. I am sure that governing the people is to ensure that of 'GOOD government' and FOR the people; not against them.

Yours in honesty and concern

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