INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA AMENDMENT REGULATION 2018

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Working as a senior staff member, regularly the nurse incharge of I see more death and the impact of death, than most people. With over 20 years experience, I believe I have the experience to form a reliable view on the impact of these changes. 1 - These changes will impact the financially poor disproportionately. Examples of these are those people on government benefits and many members of the Aboriginal community. 2 - Those people with mental health conditions. Anxiety, depression, schizophrenia to name but 3 may be triggered or the conditions exasabated by the impact of having to the loss of a family member reminded to them and the possibility of having their relative exhumed. 3 - How will the remains of the person be disposed of once exhumed? 4 - Cultural beliefs, Christian, Aboriginal and others require ceremonial burial. How will this be achieved?