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INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA AMENDMENT REGULATION 2018

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Some consideration should be given to extending the term of internment, with renewable internment rights from 50 years as the base term. 25 years is just too short a time as the life span of Australians with each generation, more than the previous, will be extended. They then will demand for a longer period an undisturbed resting place for their antecedents. Also it is apparent, from the historic research conducted by my organisation, that returned veterans from Australia's involvement in overseas military campaigns are buried in community cemeteries often without any military service recorded on their memorial. These graves, some unkerbed, are the 'historic' artefacts of each community and should be preserved and celebrated. As these graves are only identified by researchers such as us, this should be considered in the amendment documents as important and some attention to this should be taken by cemetery managements.