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**INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA  
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I am of the understanding that under the regulation, cemetery operators will be able to dig up the remains of loved ones as soon as 25 years after burial. This law will lead to two classes of burials – perpetual monuments for those who can afford it, and those who can't afford it will be forced to see their loved one dug up.

Meaning that families of a relative buried as recently as 1993 could have potentially faced an extra cost of maintaining the grave or allowing cemetery operators to exhume remains and resell the plot to complete strangers.

I realise in the future that we will need to consider alternatives as space becomes issue when considering cremation and burial of our loved ones. However I don't think that digging up and burying loved ones in a mass grave is the way to go.

I have thought about this for what I would like for myself and my research has lead me to this <https://urnabios.com/>.

We could have parks with trees and urns that are in the local area in which we live.

Death doesn't need to be sad it needs to be understood for what it is. If we change the way we think this could become a great experience for all involved.

Our local parks would have trees and a place where relatives could sit and reflect on their connection to those who they have lost.

Those who want their loved ones with them could have the trees in an urn at home.

The cost involved with this is \$450.00 - \$550.00.

I understand that this wouldn't suit those whose beliefs lean towards burial but maybe as we time goes by people will warm to this idea and welcome it as a change.

I feel that if the changes are past the knock on affect of those that have loved ones buried and who are going to be buried themselves will be extremely stressful. Their understanding that they will be able to rest in peace will no longer be an option and this could in-turn have a detrimental affect on their mental health.

Impacting on our already strained mental health system.

Thanks for your time I hope that we can come up with a resolution to this.

Regards

Gina Horn