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

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As both a relative and as a midwife I'm horrified to read that the State Government has proposed The Cemetery and Crematoria amendment regulation 2018 with little or no advisement to the public. I know at this stage that it is not proposed to be retrospective but I am sure that if this ammendment can be passed on parliament without any advisement then making it retrospective would most likely occur. As a midwife I have cared for families whose child has been stillborn or died after birth. I have witnesses that the grave site is precious to them and that it 8s cared for and visited regularly for many many years. As an aunt and daughter of family who have recently died and have been buried I know what an important part their graveside have become in our family. The cost of a funeral to many is almost more than they can afford. I know that family and others have had to borrow to cover the funeral and burial costs and that additional expenses proposed to maintain a graveside could be unaffordable. I believe there should be grater consultation with the public prior to this ammendment becoming law.