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To introduce this is so wrong. It’s really just a money making scheme by cemeteries. You pay for a plot to bury a loved one and then 25years later if you don’t pay a fee they can be dug up? What happened to “final resting place”. What about people who can’t afford the fees? I have over a handful of relatives buried in Rookwood, how could one afford the fee to renew so many plots? My mother died at 49yrs of age from cancer, I was 20! So she’s been resting for 14years so there’s only a small amount of time left before she could be exhumed. If I new this at the time it would have been better to bury her in our garden! In our home where we own the land! It’s really unfair and sneaky that the government are trying to pass this law. It should not be allowed. It sickens me to think someone is trying to do this. Death and burial creates closure for family members and gives a chance for relatives of the future to come visit their past and if this law is granted this right of visiting and connecting with a buried loved one will be taken away for some people!