

**INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA
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I completely oppose this new law as it is disrespectful in every way possible. All this will do is create a huge new market for those people that can afford to pay and change their loved ones resting place to perpetual. What happens to those people that can't pay? What if family members are next to another family member that died 20 years earlier. Will one be dug up in 5 years time and the other one left there alone? What will be done with the remains when they are dug up? Will living family be contacted to give consent and be involved in the process? What about families with strict religious views? A loved ones resting place is so important and very emotional for living family members. To take that away from people is unbelievable and cruel. I think of my daughter's 7 year old friend who may not be able to visit her mother's grave in years to come, taken from her way too early due to cancer. I also think of my friend, unable to visit her son who died as a baby. Then I think of myself and my children not being able to visit my father's grave and it's emotionally unthinkable. I don't like the idea of disturbing anyone's resting place for any reason however, surely a more acceptable policy would be for people that have died 150 years ago as they would have no living immediate family members. Their remains could be transferred to a wall with a plaque replicating what was already in place. This is one law where you can't take the emotion or religious beliefs out of the debate. Whenever I visit my loved ones graves there are always other people visiting as well as signs of others having left fresh flowers etc. Please don't diminish how important this is to people.