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

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Inquiry into Burial Sites
Parliament House
SYDNEY 2000

Dear MPs,

Submission

I wish to lodge a protest re the resale of burial sites as well as resale of cremation sites. As there is plenty of land for burials in Australia even if they are buried at "the back of Burke" I can only say that greedy land developers are at large.

Having visiting New York I came across a cemetery right in the middle of New York. Whilst I didn't inspect it I can assume it was the local cemetery put there when New York was founded. The site would be worth millions but it is still there.

An example here in the past was the Burwood Beach Sewage Works which is in the next valley to me. There were no houses on the ridge even well before the Sewage Works was built in 1938. However houses was built & there was some issue re the smell which now has been fixed but the Merewether Height Progress Association which hasn't now met for quite awhile wanted the sewage works moved. The chief man occupation which wasn't mentioned was a real estate man I wonder why he was interested. Of course the huge cost of removing the sewage works, changing the pipes & valves wasn't mentioned.

With the private firms when the "holes" are filled are trying to keep the firm going by the resale of sites rather than letting the departed rest in piece. Legist ration should be introduced as what to do when the plots are all full & what happens to them & the firm. If they go bankrupt which is the easy way out who will look after the sites?

Once again I strongly support the decesses to rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,


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