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INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA AMENDMENT REGULATION 2018

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Mr. S Bromhead, LLM MP
Member For Myall Lakes,
Level 1 Bridge Point Building,
Manning St.,
Tuncurry, NSW 2428



Dear Mr. Bromhead,

Society members have been recently concerned re the publicity given to changes to burials with the Media Release of August 15 2018.

" Inquiry into cemeteries and crematoria amendment regulation 2018".

What concerns the society is the " effect on interment rights"

History has shown that burial sites such as Town Hall and Devonshire Street Sydney have had been dug up, to make way for progress.

Families erect memorials to have somewhere to go to remember a loved one, over time cremation has been favoured , a columbarium wall with a plaque the site of where a loved ones ashes are interred, requiring a much smaller area or ashes scattered to a special place, leaving no memorial.

Many people are totally unaware of the changes to these regulations and how it might effect them.

It is heartless to think developers can buy up a consecrated place where the remains of loved one rest, or remove a memorial erected to commemorate the achievements of a person that the community admire and wish to visit. Historians today visit cemeteries to look at the architecture of memorials, to learn of the lives of our famous or not so famous.

Many people do not understand that there is legislation re burials and believe that their loved one rests for ever where they were laid to rest.

The society asks if you could make representation to the committee on our behalf asking for clarification to these amendments.

Yours sincerely. ~

Barbara Waters
Secretary.

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