



Ms Sam McLean
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Dear Ms McLean ^{Sam,}

**Crown Development Applications for Cemetery Developments
Macarthur Memorial Park, Varroville (3293/2017/DA-C) and
Wallacia Memorial Park, Wallacia (DA17/1092)**

I refer to your letter dated 27 February 2019 seeking the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department) advice on correspondence from the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, to the Greater Sydney Commission, regarding the strategic planning considerations for the provision of new cemeteries, with a focus on the Greater Sydney Region.

Consistent with the Premier's request of the Greater Sydney Commission, I can confirm the Department's assessment of the proposed cemeteries at Varroville and Wallacia considers the strategic context of the proposals based on the information currently available. The Department's assessment included a review of strategic planning documents, including the Metropolitan Sydney Cemetery Capacity Report and the relevant State, regional and local planning controls. The Department consulted with key agencies and stakeholders, including Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, which has expressed its support for the proposed cemeteries.

The Department understands the Greater Sydney Commission's review will consider the broader strategic needs for locating cemeteries and will not examine in detail the suitability of individual sites. As the review is yet to be completed, the Department is not in a position to comment on whether or not the Greater Sydney Commission's review will contain anything that might be relevant to the Department's assessment of the cemeteries. The Department understands this review will be completed mid-year.

As such, it will be up to the Independent Planning Commission to determine if it has sufficient information to finalise its recommendation on these proposals.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, please contact Chris Ritchie, Director Industry Assessments, at the Department on (02) 9274 6413.

Yours sincerely

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