We would like to voice our objection to the Wallacia Golf Course becoming a cemetery.

We moved to this area 24 years ago. We chose this area because it was semi rural and quiet. Since then we have seen many changes including trucks and semi trailers back and forth to Warragamba with the widening of the dam wall and now the airport going in at Badgerys Creek. On a daily basis we have to listen to the trucks and semi trailers constantly up and down Park Road from the quarry, banging and crashing their way along a bumpy, pot hole riddled Park Road - which was created by the trucks in the first place. We too have to drive along this road ducking and weaving pot holes. We do not now want to deal with a cemetery and all that comes with it.

We live at 9 Montelimar Place, Wallacia and can see the golf course from our front yard. We do not want to see a cemetery.

For the following reasons, we object:-

We bought our land and built, liking the idea of a golf course at the end of the street. I believe the golf course was left to the people of Wallacia and surrounding areas by the Fowlers, to be used as a place for recreational activities - not a cemetery. We would not have bought the land and built if there had been a cemetery there.

We believe the value of the properties around the cemetery will be negatively affected.

We do not want to see funeral processions up and down Park Road.

We do not want to be stuck in Montelimar Place trying to get out on to Park Road and being caught up in or behind funeral processions and all the extra traffic this Memorial Park will bring.

We do not want the smell of the Crematorium nor the ash falling all over our property and washing.

We do not believe new cemeteries should be placed in the middle of housing areas. There is plenty of wide open land not in residential areas that cemeteries can be built on. It is very different plonking a cemetery in the middle of an already established village than having an established cemetery and houses being built up to and around it. The people buying those houses do so, knowing what is next door.

We also believe there is an endangered species of bat, the large-footed myotis that lives in hollow trees on Wallacia Golf course. The development of a cemetery on the golf course with 400 trees removed will destroy their habitat.

Also it is noted that some of the key features of the Memorial Park is a refurbished community function centre and 42 hectares of parklands and recreation areas - come on, who in their right mind would want to spend their recreational time in the grounds and function centre of a cemetery. We think they are trying to sell the unsellable.

We understand at least three other parcels of land have been suggested that would not affect people. We need to keep a green space in our community.

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