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**Subject:** Letter from CCNSW Chair: Crown Cemetery and Crematoria Development Applications (DAs) at Varroville and Wallacia  
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Dear Catherine,

I refer to Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW's (CCNSW) email and attached letter to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission), dated 11 October 2018, regarding the Crown Cemetery and Crematoria development applications in Varroville and Wallacia. I note in CCNSW's letter a request for an update of the current process, including timing of decisions. The Commission provides this information below:

On 7 June 2018, the Commission received from the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP (the Minister):

1. two development applications, at Varroville and Wallacia; and
2. a copy of the Minister's *Instrument of Delegation*, dated 4 June 2018, which under section 2.4 of the EP&A Act delegates his functions to the Commission to assess this application.

The Minister's delegation means that the Commission will be responsible for the finalisation of the assessment of these applications prior to the Commission directing the Sydney Western City Planning Panel (the consent authority) to determine the applications. The Sydney Western City Planning Panel remains the consent authority.

The Minister considered that due to the "*contentious nature of these two proposals the Independent Planning Commission is best placed to exercise my functions under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A Act) as it can appropriately balance the various interests*".

On 1 August 2018, the Commission wrote to the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) to undertake the remaining assessment of the development applications. This correspondence has been uploaded to our website and is available to view at:

<http://ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2018/06/crematoria-development/correspondence/commission-letter-to-department-of-planning-and-environment-182018.pdf>.

At the completion of the Department's assessment, the Commission will undertake public consultation on the application. The Commission notes that the format of this consultation has yet to be determined. Should the Commission decide to conduct a public meeting, which is at its discretion, it will provide notice of the meeting and information regarding how the public can participate.

Unfortunately at this stage the Commission is unable to provide an indication of the timing for the finalisation of the assessment of these applications.

If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

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