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The Independent Planning Commission

New South Wales

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to oppose the cemetery development in Varroville. We lived in Raby, from 1986-1999 and Bow Bowing from 1999-2017 and my three siblings with their families still live in the area since 1980's.

I am opposing the cemetery development in Varroville as I have concern of the proximity of the location of the proposed cemetery to secondary schools, in particular to Mount Carmel Catholic College and to Robert Townson High School and how it's presence might affect the school children's personal decision when face with stress and adversity at school, on their personal relationships and at home. It is a fact that Australia and in particular NSW has the highest rate of suicide among people aged between 15-44. And with these school children seeing the cemetery 5 days a week and 7 days a week for some who lives within the area, I am worried that they will see death as an easy answer to all their problems.

With bullying rampant among school children, you just hope the day will not come when one student will point to the cemetery and tell another student that she/he belongs in the cemetery or something to that extent. Yes, it is a brutal imagination but certainly could happen.

Respectfully yours,

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