

3rd April 2019

To: NSW Independent Planning Commission

Re: Objection to Crown Cemetery Development Varroville

My Husband and I are concerned residents of Varroville. Listed below are our concerns.

1. It has been stated in the cemetery's proposal in the St Andrews Rd traffic assessment that this road can accommodate 900 vehicles per hour. This is a ridiculous assessment. St Andrews Rd from the corner of Spitfire Drive to the west where the cemetery entrance will be is not much more than a tarred cattle track. It is narrow, hilly and dangerous. It is only 2 cars wide, it has no side verges, no footpaths and has mounds rising on either side of road in most places, there are also has bushes coming right down to meet the road. Pedestrians use this road to go for walks up into the hills, they must walk on the roadway as there are no footpaths.

This small narrow winding road already services the residents of Varroville, the Carmelite nuns, The Retreat and the soon to be opened St. Sava College Serbian School. This road is no way going to be able to handle 900 vehicles per hour and be considered safe.

Half way down the hill there is a rise, just over this rise is the proposed entry to the cemetery. If a funeral cortege is coming up the road from the east it will need to turn right into the cemetery, crossing the downhill road. This will be dangerous. This will also be inconvenient for the traffic travelling east down the hill as it is against the law to break into a funeral cortege, will we have to sit and wait until all the cortege cross in front of us as they turn into the cemetery? How many cars? Could be 2 or could be 42 who knows. There are no plans to upgrade this road according to the proposal.

2. Have the residents of Spitfire Drive and Thunderbolt Drive been informed that they will be having regular funeral corteges driving past their homes? If not, they should be informed by letter as this will surely de-value their properties.
3. As the cemetery will have graves on hillsides, we have concerns about where the leachate from the graves will end up. Will it eventually end up in the storm water that flows down from Bunbury Curran Hill? Will it then end up in the dams at the bottom of the hill?
4. There was a response from the CMCT that there is a need for a new cemetery in the Campbelltown area that it will provide affordable graves. Have they told prospective buyers of these affordable graves that graves in the natural burial area are not perpetual? The purchase is, initially, for 30 years and can be renewed on expiry. CMC also state that there are no other sites that permit a new cemetery in the Macarthur area, the Varroville site does not permit a cemetery either.
3. It is cruelty beyond belief that a religious entity CMCT would try and destroy a family the way they are trying to do the owners of Varro Ville House. This family is fighting to try and protect their home, and one of Australia's most historical properties. To even consider surrounding their home with graves, roads and funerals is nothing more than hateful and disgusting.
4. To even consider digging up our beautiful Scenic Hills is an atrocity.
5. LEAVE OUR SCENIC HILLS ALONE

Yours sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. Corcoran