

3rd April 2019

To: NSW Independent Planning Commission

Re: Objection to Crown Cemetery Development Varroville

I write to you as a concerned and distressed resident of Varroville in and the impending decision to allow a cemetery to be constructed on the Scenic Hills of Campbelltown.

I moved to Varroville for the uniqueness of a semi-rural setting and the understanding that I would be residing in a protected area. As a good citizen I committed to adhering to the local Council Planning Policies and Controls. All existing and new land owners in Varroville that form part of The Scenic Hills would also be fully aware of these polices when they purchased land including the Sydney Catholic Archdiocese.

The screenshot shows the official website of Campbelltown City Council. At the top, there's a dark header with the council's logo (a stylized 'A' and 'C') and the text 'campbelltown city council'. To the right is a search bar with the placeholder 'I'm looking for...' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header, a blue navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'Build & Develop', 'Planning Policies and Controls', and 'Scenic Hills Preservation'. The main content area has a white background. A large heading 'Scenic Hills Preservation' is centered at the top. Below it, there's a 'Listen' button with a play icon. The text discusses the council's efforts to protect the Scenic Hills, mentioning recent statutory planning actions and rejected rezoning applications. It also notes the council's planning position for the area. At the bottom of the page, there's a link to the full extract from the council's website.

Scenic Hills Preservation

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For many decades, Council has reinforced the need to preserve the Scenic Hills, which form the western local government area boundary and represent an iconic landscape unit that is highly valued by the Campbelltown community.

Council has recently resolved to enhance the protection of the Scenic Hills by requesting the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to pursue appropriate statutory planning actions.

Additionally, Council has recently rejected two Planning Proposal Requests (rezoning applications) that sought amendments to the existing planning controls to permit wide ranging residential development.

This Council Planning Position for the Scenic Hills should be acknowledged in all future initiatives.

Extract from Campbelltown Council website

<https://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/BuildAndDevelop/PlanningPoliciesandControls/ScenicHillsPreservation>

Campbelltown City Council has upheld a vision to protect and provide green space and wild life corridors to the benefit of the community now and into the future. The Central Hills Scenic Protection Lands zone was created in April 1972 to preserve the land use in the area, a great forward-thinking vision which must be honored for our current and future generations.



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Campbelltown currently has a point of difference within the South West Suburbs, a rare surviving colonial landscape dating back to our history's notable pioneers - The Scenic Hills.

This fine land is constantly under attack by developers and each time the local community must battle to save and preserve this beautiful and sensitive land.

The fight to protect the Scenic Hills as green space has been ongoing since the 1970s. It is utterly preposterous and disheartening that this land is yet again targeted for re-zoning particularly to suit commercial use of a cemetery when there is more than adequate burial space for the next 70 years only 10 minutes away at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park Leppington.

I implore the NSW Independent Planning Commission to see sense and not rezone this area rather join the vision to preserve, protect and maintain The Scenic Hills of Campbelltown and this area of Varroville as a green space for our current and future generations.

The Scenic Hills should never be destroyed particularly in order to accommodate death.

Regards

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Varroville Resident