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SUBMISSION: A085-18 Crown Cemetery Development, Varroville

Thank you for allowing us to comment and oppose this development

We oppose having another cemetery in our region because we already have one at Forest Lawn Leppington, which will service our region for many years to come and we believe another cemetery is not required, but rather that it is being proposed simply because the land was available and cheaper than in other areas of Sydney.

TRAFFIC JAMS AND DELAYS

Travelling to and from Campbelltown and around our region is becoming more difficult and frustrating every day, because of traffic jams and accidents which has been caused by inconsiderate development by government and companies, mostly from outside of Macarthur and the last thing we require is a cemetery where streams of vehicles will follow coffins as burials take place, or families visit grave sites.

M5 motorway has recently been voted the worst road in Sydney for traffic jams (NRMA)

CAMDEN VALLEY WAY Despite this being a wide road it is increasing becoming as bad as the M5 from traffic jams and accidents.

RABY ROAD has now become the go between for traffic travelling between the Camden Valley Way and Hume Highway (M5) or Leumeah Railway Station, for residents of new estates in Gregory Hills, along Camden Valley Road and Raby Road and this once quiet road is very busy.

Other than the inconvenience extra traffic from the cemetery will cause local residents we would hardly believe that families travelling to or from a funeral will want to sit in traffic jams for hours.

HERITAGE VALUES OF VARRO VILLE HOUSE

Patricia was a founder member of the Campbelltown Council Heritage Committee, and as such we were invited to a tour of the property and morning tea, one of our memories of Varro Ville was the peace and tranquillity as we sat on the veranda and imagined the days when the property was visited by Governor Macquarie and his wife Elizabeth, or when Charles Sturt and his family were in residence.

Varro Ville is of special significance to the people of Campbelltown and perhaps the State of NSW, because we are told that it was on one of their visits to the house, when Governor Macquarie and his wife walked to the lookout and he decided to name the town after his wife Elizabeth Campbell. (Ken Pearson Smith, previous owner of Varro Ville and respected local historian)

The amount of Curtilage around the property has still not been decided by the NSW Heritage Committee and we believe this must be decided upon if the Panel decide that the suggested proposed cemetery is to go ahead.

SCENIC HILLS

As development overtakes Campbelltown's open space and heritage properties so the region and properties are devalued. The building of a cemetery wrapped around Varro Ville House will be the first stage of future development of the hills and a great loss to the local population and travellers as they drive along the Hume Highway and take a breath of fresh air once leaving the metropolis of Sydney.

Yours faithfully

Patricia and Barry Durman

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