



1 August 2018

Mr Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
320 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Ray

Crown Cemetery Development, Varroville

The Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) has received from the Minister of Planning, a development application by the Catholic Cemeteries Trust for the construction and operation of a cemetery located at Varroville in the Campbelltown local government area. A copy of the Minister's letter has been attached. The Minister delegated his functions to the Commission to assess the application pursuant to section 2.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*, on 4 June 2018. A copy of this delegation has also been attached.

The Minister, on 29 June 2018, wrote to Campbelltown City Council (the Council) directing them to provide all relevant information to the Commission, noting that the Commission would be responsible for the finalisation of the applications assessment, prior to directing the Sydney Western City Planning Panel to determine the application. A copy of this letter is also attached.

Pursuant to section 2.11(a) of the EP&A Act, the Commission may:

arrange for the use of the services of any staff or facilities of the Department of Planning and Environment or other public authority.

In this regard, the Commission is writing to you to request that the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) to undertake the remaining assessment of the application.

The Department's role will be to review the Council documents and advise the Commission what documentation or assessment work is still outstanding. The Department is then to commence or complete an assessment of the project on behalf of the Commission. The Commission will seek to hold a briefing with the Department within 14 days of receipt of the council held information in order to ascertain to process and timing to complete the assessment.

The Commission is currently still awaiting the provision of all relevant documents held by Campbelltown City Council, and the Commission requests that the Department liaise further with Council regarding the provision of this information.

At the completion of the Department's assessment the Commission will undertake public consultation on the application.

It would be appreciated if you could provide the contact details of the relevant Executive Director or Direction for the team who will be responsible for completing the assessment.

Please do not hesitate to contact David McNamara, Director on 9383 2100 if you require any further information or clarification.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary O'Kane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary O'Kane
Chair
Independent Planning Commission