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Dear Matthew

We are Varroville, not Wallacia. I note that your email refers at the end only to Wallacia and Penrith Council which was at a different stage to the Varroville Cemetery DA.

I further note that your description of the process is not consistent with the legislation and the Minister's role in this (as delegated). Once this was referred to the Minister, he became the consent authority (and therefore the IPCN now has that role). Otherwise this looks like a perversion of process that merely eliminates the respective Councils from the assessment process. At this stage we do not even know what part of the DoPE is doing the assessment but would be very concerned if it was the same division that assessed the land for rezoning.

Can you call me tomorrow to discuss please?

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Crown Cemetery and Crematoria development application in Varroville

Dear Jacqui,

I refer to your telephone conversation with Phillipa from our office yesterday, 3 October 2018, regarding the development application for the proposed Crown Cemetery and Crematoria development application in Varroville.

I understand that you had questions regarding the development application.

To assist I have set out an outline of the process and timeline to date. Please see below.

The Sydney Western Planning Panel continues to remain as the consent authority.

Please be aware that all the relevant correspondence, including referred to below, is available on our website at the following link:

<http://ipcn.nsw.gov.au/resources/pac/media/files/pac/projects/2018/06/crematoria-development/ministers-delegation-to-independent-planning-commission/ministers-delegation-to-ipc.pdf>

The Minister considered that due to the “*contentious nature of these two proposals the Independent Planning Commission is best placed to exercise my functions under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A Act) as it can appropriately balance the various interests*”.

On 7 June 2018, the Independent Planning Commission received from the Minister:

1. the two development applications, including at Varroville; and
2. a copy of the Minister’s delegation dated 4 June 2018, which under section 2.4 of the EP&A Act delegated his functions to the Commission to assess this application. This would mean that the Commission would be responsible for the finalisation of the application assessment prior to the Commission directing the Sydney Western City Planning Panel (the consent authority) to determine the application.

On 1 August 2018, the Commission wrote to the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) to undertake the remaining assessment of the applications, including the Wallacia application. The Department’s role will be to review Penrith City Council’s assessment report and supporting documents and advise the Commission if all relevant steps and matters for consideration have been given due consideration under the relevant provisions of the EP&A Act and Regulations.

At the completion of the Department’s assessment, the Commission will undertake public consultation on the application. The Commission notes that the format of this consultation has yet to be determined. Should the Commission decide to conduct a public meeting, which is at its discretion, it will provide notice of the meeting and information regarding how the public can participate.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Matthew

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