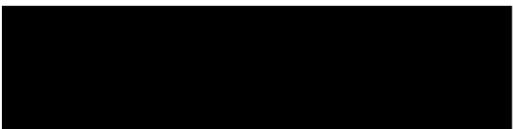
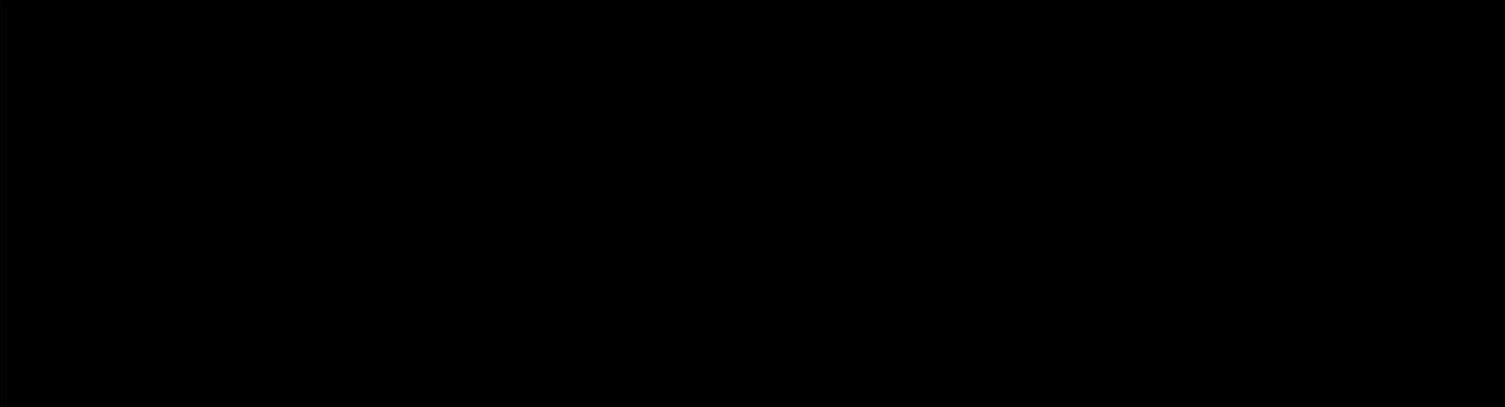


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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached my formal objection to the Development application of the Wallacia Golf Course.
Thankyou and regards



Penrith City Council
PO Box 60
Penrith NSW 2750



Dear Sir /Madam,

REF: OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION No .DA17/1092
(WALLACIA GOLF COURSE SITE)

Thank you for your letters informing me of the application submitted re development of the Wallacia Golf Course to a supposed Memorial Park.

I moved to Wallacia with my husband nearly 5 years ago to appreciate the peaceful village community and semi rural lifestyle that the area had to offer. I even became a member of the Ladies Golf Club at Wallacia golf course as the proximity and ability to play on a Saturday was made available through the local golf course.

As a beginner there was talk amongst the members that it had a new owner (2014) and that promises of investment into improvement of the course and the clubhouse had long time members abuzz with hope and promise of upgrading their beloved course and possibility of enticing new members. Long story short – no or very scant improvements were made and the course was recently sold last year.

The debacle that evolved with the sale to the Catholic Metropolitan Cemetery and Crematorium Trust and the Panthers management team who were to continue to manage it as a going concern and their stories of future management frankly made me disappointed and angry enough that I refused to give Panthers anymore money in club fees and did not rejoin the club.

When I found that the new owners want to develop and build a so called “Memorial Park ‘I felt motivated to send my strong objection to oppose this development application.

A Memorial Park sounds all very wonderful and encouraging of somewhere to take a walk and pay respect to the MEMORY of a passed loved one. I for one minute do not believe the glossy brochures and pretty posters or the people to help inform us and change the perception of a cemetery.

Cemeteries are necessary places for people to bury their dead and for some people it is important to have a place to visit and seek solace. I don't think it will be appropriate for a burial service, a solemn and sad occasion to be interrupted by the local golfers yelling FORE at any moment. And really, who would take their children to go and

visit grandma's grave, then let's kick a football and have a picnic with all the other dead! Where is the respect for the dead or the living?

I express my concern for the quality of the air and possibly impact on the health of the local residents. It is my understanding there is to be 2 two crematoria stacks that will burn every 90 minutes at capacity for up to 10 hours a day. The sales people will tell us that there is all new technology and scrubbers that make no smoke or smell etc. sound too good to be true and usually is.

Penrith Valley is a very well know area for high incidence of Asthma and Chronic Airways Disease sufferers due to the geographical nature of the valley. The poor air movement due to the presence of the Blue mountain area that sits over the Penrith Valley is certainly obvious to all as they drive down the mountains in foggy winter's morning. Reference: Health Stats NSW – Asthma Prevalence in Nepean LHD.

So how will all this crematorium smoke - whether we see /smell it or not sit and potentially impact the health of the residents in Wallacia?
Particularly vulnerable are the elderly, some who reside in Regal Oaks retirement Units who will overlook their potential resting place as they look out their balconies? The young primary and infants school children who attend the local school in one of the geographically lower areas, the younger children and the parents who attend the small church close to the golf course for playgroup.

It is one thing to build housing and residences up to a cemetery or crematorium as has happened in Minchinbury with Pinegrove but I believe it is highly unjust and unfair to dump one into the middle of a well and old established village because it was a cheap buy and potential to acquire private adjacent land to enhance the size of the proposed cemetery.

I also understand that the value of my home will decrease by a possible 20 % in value, who will compensate me for this? Who will help fund my retirement as I felt investing in this area was a good move.

The traffic in the area will be severely impacted and at the recent information night the person in charge of traffic information eluded to the fact that despite a right hand turning lane on Park Rd whether may eventually be roundabouts up to 3 of them along the road. I already hear the large B double trucks hurtle down Park Rd in the wee small hours – I certainly am protesting against the possible increase in noise that trucks going around or over roundabouts will bring.

Potential impact from the cemetery holding basins and riparian wetlands and excessive unexpected run off will have on the local chain of ponds (naturally occurring) that run into our property and onward to Jerry's Creek and the Nepean River. Our property is the only one in the cul-de-sac that is required to have a pump out septic system as opposed to a Bio/envirom cycle system due to the large amount of water on our property so where is the restrictions for the Development.

Cemeteries by their very nature bring a negativity and sadness to the area that they inhabit. People like to feel that their home and area they live in is a happy sanctuary from the hard, sad and difficult world that we now live and work in. I fear that my home will be overcome with the negative energy of close proximity to such an

establishment, pretty harsh after I give my 40 plus hours a week

I thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns and hope that we are able to stop this unfair development.

Thank you and kind regards,