



Submission DA17/1092

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this submission to you in regards to the above application. Put simply I do not want this development to go ahead.

My husband and I have been residents of Wallacia since 1979 and with our children, who are now adults, have enjoyed very much living in this quiet rural setting on the outskirts of Sydney.

This proposal will severely impact that situation. Supposedly to achieve societal progress. Surely the demand for cemetery space could be accommodated by the acquisition of undeveloped (and possibly crown) land and not an existing beautiful 18 hole golf course already an integral part of a local and rural community.

The land that the Golf Course stands on was bequeathed to the Penrith City Council by the Fowler family as a gift to the Wallacia people over 80 years ago. Although there appears to be some lack of clarity I am sure it was not bequeathed so that it could ultimately become a necropolis. Supposedly, at least in the perception of the local community, it was always to remain as a golf course.

If this proposal goes ahead Wallacia will be detrimentally impacted by the increased pollution from both vehicle and crematoria activity. Park Road which provides the only access is already busy with traffic. We have noticed increasing truck movements. In the near vicinity of Wallacia there are five schools. Traffic accident fatalities have occurred on Park Road.

I'm sure this development will add to the hazard of travelling on Park Road especially on the downhill slope approaching the proposed entry point, resulting in increased traffic accidents on this road.

The local area is a valuable market garden producer of food for Sydney. The increased pollution from the burning of bodies will not enhance the flavour of the food produced in the future.

The Nepean River is a valuable source of water for the Sydney basin, down river from Wallacia. The increased pollution arising inevitably from decomposing bodies, through local ground seepage will ultimately degrade the quality of the water from the Nepean.

The local community, through its local representatives on the Penrith Council, voted unanimously on the 29th August to support a planning proposal that will prohibit the development of cemeteries and crematoriums in the Mulgoa and Wallacia valley. The chambers were packed to overflowing with supporters as an indication of the local community feeling aroused by this matter.

Given this democratic mandate can the council, or indeed the State Government not now decline or reject this proposal outright since it demonstrably does not meet with local community approval.

The overall impression we have as a community is that it is extremely difficult to discover the nature of proposed developments in our area. Most of what is proposed is not the subject of any formal community consultation process as is the case with this development. Why is it not possible to change the planning process so that community consultation outcomes are part of any future development application, thereby enabling an assured community consultation process BEFORE development applications are submitted?

Wallacia should remain what it has always been a small rural village.



