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Subject : Integrated Development Application Number DA17/1092

Proposed staged construction of Wallacia memorial park including Cemetery for 88,000 burial plots chapel and related crematorium and function rooms, Administration Building Service outbuildings, Parkland areas and internal roads Car parking and Associated landscaping and site servicing works.

Lot 2 DP 1108408 & Lot 512 DP1079728

Wallacia Golf Course Site 13-15 Park Wallacia NSW 2745

I would like object to a CEMETERY and Crematorium in the Heart of Wallacia I have lived in Wallacia for nearly 44 Years and I am totally aghast at the thought of a cemetery in the heart of Wallacia.

The Catholic Church have negotiated to purchase this land recently wanting to turn it into Cemetery. This is without any prior consultation to involve the community of the Catholic Church to demonstrate its intentions before the purchase

I am of the understanding that Penrith councillors voted unanimously for the council to amend planning regulations to stop developers from building cemeteries or crematoriums on Mulgoa Valley or Wallacia land.

This land also is noted to be in a flood Zone connected to Nepean River via Jerry's creek and the repercussion of 88,000 coffins monuments headstones would hinder the absorption of rain and exacerbate the flood zone level affecting the people within that zone. There have been incidences of coffins surfacing in flood areas overseas see Cemetery Disaster planning

<http://www.chicora.org/pdfs/Cemetery%20Disaster%20Planning.pdf>

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/article_3635288c-73a7-11e6-9fda-73a1304e462e.html

From my experience living in this village we are marooned from Park Rd Mulgoa Rd and Blaxland Crossing Reserve Silverdale Rd.

In addition a crematorium, Wallacia is located in a valley with limited breeze factor being close to the Nepean River, schools, shops, retirement village, and homes. This is a fine sight for primary schoolchildren and retirement village seeing a procession of cars visiting the cemetery on a daily basis.

I am not sure who makes these decisions of cemetery's locations and probable only look at a map and forget the people that are affected by their decision.

So the question is who is the Committee or person that makes this decision without proper strategic planning consultation with the people who will be affected ?

This whole proposal of a cemetery is distressing to the community in addition with an Airport being built close by an increase traffic, trucks, cars and subdivisions in Silverdale will add to traffic



congestion via the direction of the cemetery The cemetery would be a total repulsive structure in heart of Wallacia affecting property values.

August 30 2017 quoted Western Weekender

"We will be providing to all communities much needed burial space at affordable prices in a landscaped setting, mitigating the exhaustion of existing burial sites at our Liverpool and Kemps Creek Cemeteries, over the next five years," CEO for Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria, Peter O'Meara said." *(He forgot also on a burial site on Greendale Rd)*

My response that the planning committee for Catholic Cemetery is littering the community with burial sites without prior community consultation for support or approval and if this is what they call consultation after they have already bought intentions and a handshake by Government this is sickening attacking a vulnerable village with limited resources

Often the quote is not in my back yard - now it is in my community's front yard – so Not in my community's front yard – Not in the heart of Wallacia. The Wallacia site is open and visible to the community and cannot be bypassed they will be viewing the cemetery on an **average of four times or more daily** whether it is taking children to school or going to work or grocery shopping so where is the respect for the living in the community?

My question also will the Catholic Church or Government compensate property devaluation because this is a concern for the community or they could offer to buy the whole village?

Would it be far more sensible to obtain a far bigger property for a cemetery this would also be better maintained and monitored in the long term. 88,000 sites is too big for a small village and yet too small for overall population if you calculate how many housing and people are located in new estates. The Catholic Church will again sooner not later be buying more land. So the purchase of land further out now would be in their best interest - Not in Wallacia..

