

26 November 2021

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

To whom it may concern,

**RE: Explanation of Intended Effect – Proposed Amendment to State and Regional Development SEPP to identify large scale cemeteries as State Significant Development**

This submission has been prepared by Mecone on behalf of a client who has an interest in providing for a future large-scale cemetery development in western Sydney.

We have reviewed the EIE regarding the proposed amendment to the State and Regional Development SEPP ('SRD SEPP') to identify large scale cemeteries as State Significant Development ('SDD').

The proposed amendments to the SRD SEPP would require any cemetery development proposing over 20,000 burial plots to be assessed as SSD.

Cemeteries are important cultural and social infrastructure that provide for a source of valuable passive open space, in addition to their cultural and environmental significance. Cemeteries are identified as a key piece of social infrastructure with unmet demand for burial interment forecast to grow substantially. As such, we believe the proposed amendment to the SRD SEPP has strategic merit. Considering the anticipated significant shortage of burial spaces across Greater Sydney over the next 50 years, the proposed amendment to the SRD SEPP represents a substantial and important change to the planning legislation.

In conclusion, the proposed amendment represents a key opportunity to provide for much-needed burial spaces across NSW, in particular Greater Sydney. Our client looks forward to the finalisation of this amendment to the SRD SEPP.

Yours sincerely



Adam Coburn  
**NSW State Director**