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Mr Ben Lusher  
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Dear Mr Lusher

**Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association (ACCA)  
Submission: Cemeteries as State Significant Development**

The Australasian Cemeteries & Crematoria Association (ACCA) appreciate the opportunity to provide this submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the proposed amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 (SRD SEPP) to identify large scale cemeteries as State Significant Development (SSD).

**About ACCA**

The Australasian Cemeteries & Crematoria Association (ACCA) is the national peak body of the cemetery and crematorium industry in Australasia. As a non-profit professional organisation, ACCA exists to provide leadership, professional services and communication to the cemetery and crematorium industry. ACCA is financially supported by a strong membership from around Australia and overseas, with the Australian members collectively representing over 85% of Australia's annual burials and cremations.

**Support for Proposed Reform**

ACCA strongly supports the proposal to enable an SSD pathway for large scale cemeteries. This recognises that cemeteries are vital social infrastructure, of equivalent importance to hospitals and schools. This is entirely appropriate. We understand that providing a SSD planning pathway will enable streamlined development assessment and approval processes for large scale cemeteries. This is critical to addressing the shortage of burial space in Metropolitan Sydney.

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**Conclusion**

ACCA appreciate the chance to provide their support for this important planning reform.

We look forward to the progress of legislation and would welcome the opportunity to engage further with DPIE on this matter.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the details below.

Yours Sincerely



Chris Harrington  
Chief Executive Officer