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To: Local Government Division (DPaC)
Subject: Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill - Consultation feedback

Dear Director of Local Government,
Thank you to you and your team for undertaking this review of the *Burial and Cremation Act 2002*.

I support the changes to protect existing graves and future graves in cemeteries around Tasmania.

My comments to specific areas are:

2.3.2 What is a relevant offence mean? Does this cover both the personal qualities of the body corporate members, as well as any property/planning offences, and for how long would you look back at a person's history?

2.3.2 The fine should be doubled to 200 points - the equivalent of at least one-two funeral and head stone costs for a family - 100 points is too minimal.

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2.5.2 The penalty should be up to 200 penalty points to act as a deterrent.

2.6 The definition of intergenerational should not be limited to one generation only (i.e. the 100 years extension is not enough). Whilst fallen war heroes and distinguished people such as politicians do deserve to have their burial sites preserved, so should any person who has been buried by their family (or by the deceased who has paid for this themselves). Why do we value some human lives or their memories over others? My Grandparents are just as valuable to our family in death as any war hero (I humbly do not mean any disrespect by this statement). My point is that all human life - a lost child, a loved spouse or great, great, great grandparents in my case, should be celebrated and respected indefinitely.

2.7 Whilst the idea of an audit every 5 years is excellent, what happens if a church/cemetery changes hands within that five years? Does this mean an audit could be put off for up to 10 years as there has been two owners before the 5 year audit requirement? The 5 year audit should be mandatory for any new owner regardless of when they have bought the property to ensure graves and burial sites remain well kept and untouched. This causes a possible gap.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to have say on this amendment to The Act.

Kind regards
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