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To: Local Government Division (DPaC)
Subject: Feedback on Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill 2018 Public Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Having read the public consultation draft I make the following submission.

One glaring omission from the draft Bill is the failure to address what charges may be applied by those who purchase cemeteries as they relate to interment. While the Bill sets up a regulatory regime for cemeteries, which is long overdue, it is silent on the question of fees to be charged. My concern is that while the Bill may assure “access” to cemeteries this can be frustrated by a “manager” simply by demanding excessive fees relating to the burial of a person. They could do so claiming the fee was necessary to continue “their cemetery management responsibilities”.

The Bill should be amended to insert specific provisions which limit the fees that can be charged to the amount the local government council covering the area where the cemetery is situated charges for burial in any cemetery it operates, or failing this, the Regulator be given power to set annually the scale of fees to be charged. If you require further information please contact me.

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