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**To:** Local Government Division (DPaC)  
**Subject:** Submission/comment regarding Draft Burial and Cremation Bill - 18 June 2019

General Comment:

The draft Bill differentiates markedly between 'human remains' and ashes. Ashes being treated as if they were of no social consequence or deserving of respect in the same way as uncremated remains.

This differentiation leads to consequences throughout the Bill.

For example, remains after cremation are essentially left to 'monuments'.

**The cremated ashes of human beings are equally deserving of respect and care as are 'human remains' as defined under the draft Bill. I suggest modifications throughout the drafting to give effect to this.**

Specific Comment:

Existing columbaria are not always in formally declared cemeteries.

There is a columbarium in the grounds of St John's Anglican Church in Ross - beside the Church.

Its cemet(er)ies are elsewhere in the village. I believe that in consequence the columbarium is not within a declared cemetery and consequently without protection and could be knocked down or otherwise disposed of.

Clearly such a structure is a place of reverence and respect to the ordinary person. Particularly to those who have relatives' ashes contained within it. ( I understand the Anglican diocese intends to remove the columbarium to enable freer options for sale of the Church.)

I suggest further drafting to protect such structures from 'casual' removal/destruction.

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