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To Whom it May Concern

I am very pleased to read the proposed changes to the Burial and Cremation Amendment Bill, especially with regard to protecting the spiritual and psychological well-being of rural parishioners who have family buried or indeed wish to be buried themselves when they pass on in rural cemeteries.

I totally agree with the 100 year rule for closure of cemeteries. Could I clarify, and I think this is the case, that even if you have not booked a plot to this date, you can still book a plot and be buried in one of these cemeteries even if the church is sold? If people are excluded from being buried in rural cemeteries, I cannot imagine where else their remains would be placed. I support the continued use of cemeteries as burial places well into the future, even if someone has not, as yet, bought a plot. Could this be more clearly stated in the proposed amendment?

This is more of an Anglican Church issue, I should imagine, but I believe these graveyards should not be de-consecrated as people were buried in them in good faith they were being buried in consecrated ground.

I sincerely thank you for upgrading the current legislation in response to deep concern from the Anglican Community over the proposed selling of rural churches and cemeteries.

Yours faithfully,
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