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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a historian, and congratulate the government on the proposed amendments. They appear excellent.

One thing that may not be covered is how the Regulator knows a cemetery exists. The current Cemetery Register appears to have (at a guess) only half of the graveyards and cemeteries extant. Should there be a requirement on a landholder or manager to notify the Regulator of a cemetery's existence? (I think a purchaser of land containing a cemetery would already be protected by current disclosure laws). Or perhaps the issue could be resolved by a well-publicised request to the public to notify the Regulator of all unrecorded graveyards and cemeteries after the Amendments are passed? As an example, where is Tasmania's second-established public cemetery, at York Town, on the Register? Or the Lilydale cemetery? Or Bangor? Or Lisle?

It might also be necessary to provide for future burials at established cemeteries. If I want to be buried next to my mother, and there is room, how can I be sure the cemetery manager will allow it and not unilaterally close the cemetery to new interments?

With thanks for this opportunity to comment - and on the expeditious process.

Yours faithfully,

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