

I write this letter as a concerned stakeholder regarding the proposed extension of the curtilage around Varroville House onto the neighbouring property at 166-176 St Andrews Rd, Varroville that has been designated since 2013 as a multidenominational cemetery.

I have been made aware that both the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Heritage Council are objecting to the development application that already includes a substantial curtilage buffer around Varroville House and would like to install an excessively larger curtilage area, that would put in jeopardy the provision of multidenominational burial space for local community groups and families and withhold up to 60% of future designated burial space. With the government rejecting the Fernhill cemetery proposal, it is vital that Macarthur Memorial Park development application is given the green light before the extended curtilage listing is considered.

The OEH have placed an unfair and unreasonable burden on the CMCT's development application (DA), whilst failing to justify the need for such an extended curtilage. This position threatens the viability of the DA that places at risk much needed burial space for all communities of south west Sydney.

I recommend that the Independent Planning Commission allow the DA to be assessed in advance of any proposed curtilage recommendation from the OEH and Heritage Council. I support the original curtilage area that was proposed, as it protects the historic qualities of Varroville House but does not negatively impact the viability of future cemetery operations on the adjoining property required to provide multi-denominational burial space in the region, as well as access to the public for recreational use.

Yours sincerely

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