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2nd April, 2012

Randwick City Council

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
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Dear Ray,

RE: SUBMISSION TO RANDWICK DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

I refer to the above and am now able to provide you with the original signatures pertaining to the petition for acquiring additional space for Botany Cemetery and the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium Trusts.

These signatures, numbering 2,790 as of today, have been obtained passively through the visitors to ESMP's Reception since 2008 when the then Department of Lands' discussion Paper: *Burial Space in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area* was made public.

As you and your Officers know this Paper was the catalyst for community concern on the issue of dwindling burial space, including in the Randwick City area and greater Eastern and Inner-Western Suburbs.

I felt that they are a useful supplement to the call for submissions under the LEP.

Should you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Passas".

George H. Passas
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(COVER LETTER PUBLISHED ONLY)

Office of the Chief Executive Officer

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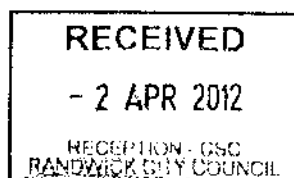


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Dear Mr Brownlee

RE: RANDWICK DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2012

I hereby forward the collective response of the St Spyridon Parish and Community of South-East Sydney with reference to the draft LEP. Please find attached the following:

1. Submission from The Greek Orthodox Parish of South East Sydney "St Spyridon"
2. Submission from Australian Hellenic Council (NSW) Inc.
3. Submission from Mr Paul Parris and previous correspondence
4. Submission from the Cretan Association of Sydney & New South Wales
5. Submission from Centre Kostis Palamas Incorporated
6. Submission from the Order of AHEPA NSW Inc. State Lodge of NSW
7. Submission from AHEPA Ippokratis Incorporated
8. Submission from the Pan-Rhodian Benevolent Society of NSW "Colossus" Ltd
9. Submission from Philanthropical Association of Western Sterea Hellas "Messolonghi"
10. Submission from Panipirotki Enosis of NSW Ltd
11. Submission from Epirotic Federation of Oceania (Aust) Inc.

Also attached are 1565 written submissions from members of our congregation - 865 being from Randwick City residents and 700 from non-residents. — *SAMPLES INCLUDED— NOT ALL FORM LETTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON WEB.*

Sincerely yours

Christina Tsaconas
 Parish Executive Officer

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Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick City Council - Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I write on behalf of the Parish Council, our Reverend Clergy and the entire worshipping community of 'St Spyridon' Greek Orthodox Parish of South-East Sydney.

We wish to express in the strongest possible terms our objection to Council's proposed rezoning of the 70,000 square metre land parcel known as the "Chinese Market Gardens", Matraville, to "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots".

Over a period of considerable years, we have quietly observed Randwick City Council eagerly pursuing and achieving 'heritage' status for the parcel of land in mention.

The current proposal to change its zoning to 'rural' is an abject, unreasonable exercise in 'freezing out' any future use of part of the "Chinese Market Gardens" for the expansion of Botany Cemetery – a situation which Council, in the past, could 'sidestep' politically since the plight of cemeteries was, ultimately, the jurisdiction of the relevant State Minister/s.

However, the present State government, elected in March 2011, decided to transfer responsibility for LEP's to local Councils with the directive that community concerns be taken into serious consideration.

As a consequence, this now places an unavoidable onus on Randwick City Council not only to acknowledge the urgency to expand the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (Botany

Cemetery), but also to initiate remedial solutions for the immediate and future burial needs of the City's ratepayers.

This is not a 'heritage' versus 'cemetery' issue. Whatever heritage value the "Chinese Market Gardens" might have, they have been neighbouring an ever-growing cemetery for as long as they have existed. It would be naive for anyone to think that, at some point in the future, the need would never arise where the Market Gardens might have to relinquish some of that land in a city as populous as Sydney.

For a great proportion of our City's residents, burial is not only a right but a sacred choice based on millennia-held beliefs and traditions which other residents, even Councillors, might not agree with, but are obliged to respect - just as we respect the right and choice of other citizens to be cremated or even resomated.

The Orthodox Church is a world leader on environmental issues. Indeed, the Ecumenical Patriarch at the Holy See of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew 1st, is known as the 'green' Patriarch for His tenacity in pursuing issues which affect our planet. He is also known for censuring those who do not respect cemeteries as open spaces dedicated to the heritage value of each person's contribution to the history of humankind, in many cases through martyrdom for their beliefs.

The congregation of St Spyridon Parish has only recently begun to comprehend the implications of Botany Cemetery reaching capacity within just 8 years and the possibility that the next generation of cemeteries will be either west of Penrith or west of Katoomba.

This is a highly emotional issue for our people who view the closure of Botany Cemetery as an encroachment on their beliefs. The 1,500 signed submissions and the 1,100 emails forwarded to Council by our people are testimony to just how emotive the issue can become if their views are ignored.

I urge Councillors to take a common-sense approach to the "Chinese Market Gardens" site and amend the LEP to permit future use of part of that land for the expansion of Botany Cemetery - not just for Christians but also for citizens of other Faiths, even for those who do not belong to a religious group but do not wish to be cremated.

Finally, Council should note that the Greek Orthodox Church is flexible when it comes to funeral practice, permitting below-ground and above-ground burials, as well as exhumation and renewable usage of graves after a period of time.

I ask that all Councillors be made aware of the sensitivity of this issue and I look forward to Council's response.

Sincerely yours



Elia Economou
Parish President



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Mr R. Rowntree
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Dear Sir,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

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Regards,

George Vellis
President

26 March 2012

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General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Submission: Council's Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

Reference is made to the above mentioned matter. On the 24 November 2012 I sent a letter (copy attached) to Randwick Council's Mayor Mr Scott Nash requesting the land known as 'Market Gardens adjacent to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (Botany Cemetery) be rezoned for burial purposes.

In my letter I outlined the squalid conditions the employers and employees of the land known as 'Market Gardens' were carrying out their work. I also stated a large portion of the land was abandoned with noxious weeds and grass now growing on the land. This land has been neglected by Council's tenants who are apparently paying a pittance rent for the 25 acres of Crown land. Also that the majority of the local and non local communities, most religious denominations including Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Anglican, Aboriginal and Muslim were all in favour of the cemetery expanding into the 'Gardens' land.

The Mayor responded with a letter dated 15 December 2011 (copy attached) advising there had been previous discussion papers and advised the CLEP proposed a rezoning to rural and will be placed on exhibition in March 2012. It stated I will be notified and submissions sought. I **was certainly not notified** as promised in his letter. His letter states the various responsibilities of the different government agencies.

The letter totally ignored my concerns regarding illegal structures, poor standards of hygiene and sanitation for the workers **living and sleeping in these disgraceful conditions**. It ignores the fact that the majority of the community wants the cemetery to expand. It ignores the religious groups concerns they will be forced to cremate their loved ones which is highly offensive to their religious beliefs.

The Mayor's letter states "the produce taken from the gardens does not present a food safety concern". He has ignored reports by the NSW Department of Resources in 2003 and reaffirmed in 2005 that ground water for crops has been prohibited because of heavy metal and pesticide contamination. The soil is also contaminated with Chromium, Copper, mercury, Zinc and DDT.

The Mayor's letter states the council resolved the councillors will undertake a site inspection of the garden site with the Trustees of the Cemetery Trust. Apparently only about 4 councillors bothered to attend the meeting. The council didn't comply with its own resolution.

Mr Neil McGaffin Executive Director, Planning Operations with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure states in his letter, dated 16 Feb 2012, addressed to you "I encourage Council to work closely with the Department, the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Trust, the community and other government agencies to address this issue."

With respect, Randwick Council has totally and neglectfully failed to comply with this requirement from Mr Neil McGaffin and I submit that the Draft Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 should be withdrawn immediately.

I wish to object very strongly to the rezoning proposing of the land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Matraville to "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots when the community is currently facing a shortage of burial space in the local area.

I request the Council to rezone this land to permit the cemetery to expand and the land be used for burial purposes.

This land would be ideal for such a use given it is mainly vacant and located next an existing cemetery.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards



24 November 2011

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mr Scott Nash
Mayor of Randwick City Council
30 Francis Street,
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr Nash,

Re: Support requested to re-zone and transfer land used by Chinese Market Gardens, at Military Road, Matraville NSW to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park for use as a cemetery.

A couple of months ago on a windy day my mother and I were visiting a gravesite at Botany Cemetery when we suddenly noticed a sheet of corrugated iron flying through the air from the market garden sheds and we feared for our safety.

It appears the market garden employees cook, sleep and live in these sheds under third world country conditions. I suspect these disgraceful, dilapidated shack buildings have never been approved by Randwick Council. There is no apparent potable water or sewerage system and one may speculate as to the poor standards of hygiene and sanitation that exists. When it rains any human excrement on the ground would most likely fertilize their crop as the workers use ground water to spray over the vegetables. (8 May 2011 Sunday Telegraph article "Parasites linked to sewage fertilizer" attached)

Many years ago this land was zoned only for noxious trades and one suspects the soil and water would be heavily contaminated with heavy metals and other poisonous chemicals.

According to an article in the March 1 2011 edition (attached) of the Southern Courier newspaper one of the lessees is Mr Terry and Gordon Ha. According to another Southern Courier newspaper article (attached) the vegetables are sold at New Dong Dong Noodles and Pinangsia Noodle House at Kingsford and at Flemington and Paddy's markets. Many members of the public are consuming these vegetables. It appears to be a substantial commercial enterprise and would be interesting to know how much rent these tenants pay Randwick Council.

Three Chinese families have been working the land. However it appears that one family has recently abandoned the site as one can observe the overgrown noxious weeds and grass growing on this land.

In view of—

- 1) The disgraceful standards used on this land by these Randwick Council tenants for the benefit of a few people.
- 2) The great need and cries from the community for more cemetery burial space.
- 3) The overwhelming support from the general community including the majority of religious denominations such as Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Anglican, Aboriginal, Muslim and others to transfer this land to the cemetery. (Southern Courier newspaper articles attached)

I request your total support as a Mayor of Randwick City Council to rezone the use of this land from growing vegetables to use by the cemetery.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] should you have any further enquiries.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Parris



Our Reference: F2004/07905

15 December 2011

MAYOR
CITY OF RANDWICK

Mr Paul Parris
[REDACTED]

Dear Paul,

Chinese Market Gardens, Philip Bay

Thank you for your letter dated on 24 November 2011, with respect to your concerns about the site conditions of the Chinese Market Gardens and your support for the proposed cemetery expansion.

This matter has been specifically addressed in Council's Open Space and Environment Discussion Paper and recently considered at two Council meetings (i.e. the 22 November Ordinary Council Meeting on the consultation feedback on all discussion papers and the 6 December Planning Committee Meeting on the draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan (LEP)).

The proposed rural zoning and other planning controls for the market gardens site have been incorporated and reflected in the draft Comprehensive LEP, which is anticipated to be placed on exhibition early next year (February/March). You will be notified and submissions will again be sought during the exhibition period.

In relation to respective roles and responsibilities of various government agencies, I would like to clarify that:

- The Crown Lands Division, as the land owner, is responsible for the overall licensing, use and management of the market gardens site;
- NSW Office of Water, NSW Health and NSW Food Authority are responsible authorities for groundwater use, health and food safety. The NSW Food Authority has recently conducted tests on the produce taken from the gardens and noted that it does not present a food safety concern; and
- Council is the Appropriate Regulatory Authority (RPA) for surface water quality and has confirmed that the water quality in the creek satisfies the ANZECC guidelines for irrigation purposes.

Council has also resolved for Councillors to undertake a site inspection of the gardens site, currently being arranged in liaison with the Crown Lands Division as land owner, and the Trustees of the Cemetery Trust, to hear about the Trust's investigations into the suitability of expanding the Cemetery into part of the gardens land. I understand that these investigations are underway but have not yet been completed.

I hope the above clarifies your concerns and please do not hesitate to contact Ms Karen Armstrong, Manager, Strategic Planning on 9399 0890 if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cr Scott Nash', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Cr Scott Nash
Mayor



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March 23rd, 2012

Dear Sir,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

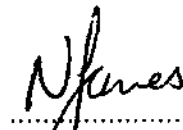
At a recent meeting of our association it was unanimously resolved that an objection would be lodged against the zoning of the Chinese Gardens to Primary Production Small Lots U4.

Many of our members and their families live within the immediate vicinity of Botany Cemetery and will require future burial in this area as a result. As far as we are concerned there is no viable alternative if burial spaces at the present cemetery are exhausted.

We therefore strongly urge Council to allow for future use of the Chinese Gardens to include usage as a cemetery under any changes to the current zoning.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


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NICK JANES
PRESIDENT





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21st March, 2012

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Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

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Yours faithfully,

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PRESIDENT

DATE: 25/3/12

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Mr Ray Brownlee
General manager
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March 22, 2012

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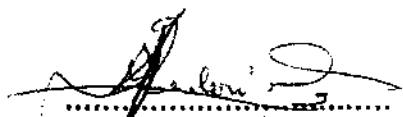
Our membership wishes to object to the proposed zoning of the area known as the Chinese Gardens to Primary Production Small Lots U4.

The needs of residents for graves can only met in the longer term future at Botany Cemetery by allowing the present vegetable patches to be turned over for use as graves when the time comes.

Therefore any new zoning should allow for this area or a substantial thereof to be used in the future as a cemetery.

Other cemeteries are well outside our area and we suspect that they are also fast filling up and will not provide your residents with a reasonable number of graves into the longer term.

Yours faithfully,


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(NAME) J. Theodorides
PRESIDENT
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Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
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20th March, 2012

Dear Sir,

Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

Our Association wishes to object on behalf of itself as well as its substantial membership, to the proposal to zone the land known as the Chinese Market Gardens, at Matraville to a zoning described as "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots."

It is our view that the gardens should be zoned to permit use as a cemetery. This view is based on the following:

1. This land is ideally situated both in terms of access from the Eastern and Southern suburbs
2. It is next to an existing cemetery
3. The existing cemetery is faced with a shortage of burial plots within the near term future
4. It is council's planning responsibility to provide sufficient burial space for its residents in the same way it allows for the building of hospitals, schools and universities.
5. The other cemeteries around Sydney are also faced with a shortage of land within the decade.
6. The inconvenience for people attending funerals and the traffic and additional kilometres required for families to visit their loved ones graves on a regular basis is neither conducive to protecting the environment or its resources.

We trust that the Council will give serious attention to what is a very serious matter and allow any new zoning for the land to be used a cemetery.

Our members would be most interested in your considered reply.

Yours faithfully,

SOPHIA HASKAS
PRESIDENT

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The Chairman

Alex Belerhas

The Secretary

Sam Pashalis



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CON TSIOURIS
Secretary



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George Uellis
Treasurer

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CHIFLEY	5
COOGEE	36
DACEYVILLE	3
EASTGARDENS	5
EASTLAKES	43
HILLSDALE	8
KENSINGTON	41
KINGSFORD	296
LITTLEBAY	2
MAROUBRA	269
MATRAVILLE	23
MALABAR	3
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Victoria Gavan

From: ctsaconas [ctsaconas@stspyridon.org.au]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 4:49 PM
To: General Manager
Subject: RANDWICK DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN 2012
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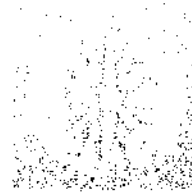
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Mr R. Rowntree
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31/03/12

Dear Sir,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

On behalf of our association's members we wish to object to the proposed zoning of the area known as the Chinese Gardens to Primary Production small lots U4.

Any new zoning must allow for this area to be used in the future as a cemetery.

We have been advised that both the existing graves at Botany Cemetery as well as those available at the cemeteries of Rookwood and Woronora will also be exhausted within about a decade.

Council must make provision for sufficient burial spaces to be made available in order that it may meet the planning needs of its residents in the longer term.

Please advise in writing that our letter has been received and considered.

Yours Faithfully,

George Uellis
Treasurer.

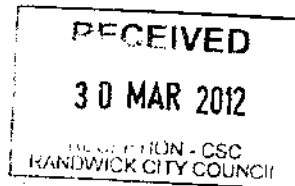
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Dear Sir,

Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

On behalf of our members we wish to lodge an objection against the proposed zoning of the Chinese Gardens to Primary Production Small Lots U4.

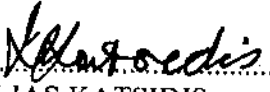
The reasons for our objection are as follows:

1. We understand that burial plots at Botany Cemetery will no longer be available within a decade.
2. Most of our members have existing family members buried at Botany Cemetery
3. The alternative sites of Rookwood and Sutherland will similarly be taken within a decade.

We kindly request that Council give due consideration to the Chinese Gardens being zoned so as to allow future use as a cemetery.

Your reply in due course would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully,


ILIAS KATSIDIS
PRESIDENT
March 22, 2012



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Monday 2 April 2012

This letter is in response to council's new comprehensive plan to guide planning and development .

Ahepa with its Greek membership uses Eastern Suburbs Cemetery for burial.

We would like council to make the adjacent lands – make them available to the cemetery so they can expand their availability of plots for burial purposes.

This current plan to use for farming should be reviewed, as the need for burial plots availability especially to our Greek Orthodox Community who have a burial preference is considered a vital priority.

Yours Faithfully

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Dear Sir,

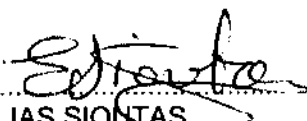
OBJECTION TO: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

The Committee of the Hasion Philanthropic Association Ltd wishes to make known its complete objection to the proposed zoning of the so called Chinese Gardens to Primary Production Small Lots U4.

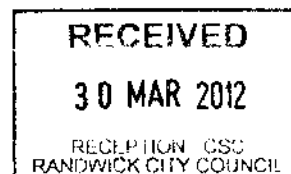
We understand that the presently available burial lots will be exhausted within a few years after which no equally suitable site is available within the general vicinity or the Eastern Suburbs.

In the interests of better planning, convenience to the families of the deceased as well as respect for our Christian belief in burial rather than cremation, we urge council to determine that any new zoning allow usage of the Chinese Gardens as a cemetery.

Yours faithfully,


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ATTENTION: KAREN ARMSTRONG - MANAGER STRATEGIC PLANNING

SUBMISSION TO RANDWICK DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

JW Planning Pty Ltd act for the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (ESMP) Trust in respect of Botany Cemetery which adjoins the Market gardens off Bunnerong Road, La Perouse.

This submission is to ensure that Randwick Council and the community is formally made aware of certain key factors concerning the both ESMP cemetery, and the adjoining market garden site that clearly, have not been properly considered by the draft LEP zoning scheme.

The ESMP Trust strongly object to the exhibited draft LEP in terms of:

- a) the proposal to rezone the market garden site to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot); and more particularly,
- b) the exclusion of 'cemeteries' as a permissible use on land which adjoins the existing ESMP cemetery.

On the one hand, there is evidence that the land is not suitable for ongoing market garden activities, and that the existing market garden activities are unsustainable socially, economically and environmentally. This is outlined in further detail below.

On the other hand, the adjoining ESMP cemetery is almost completely exhausted of burial space, and needs to provide additional capacity, without further delay.

A logical relationship exists between the adjoining cemetery and market garden sites given the inevitable demise of the existing market gardens land use in the short to mid-term. This provides a well-timed opportunity to start planning for a gradual transition into a cemetery land use that is compatible with the existing site conditions, and served by existing cemetery infrastructure and management on the adjoining cemetery. Such an approach is consistent with the emerging policy enunciated by both the Department of Primary Industries, Office of Crown Lands and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure which is expected to be formalized in the very near future.

This transition will also provide an opportunity to restore the creek line and wetland environments, broaden the recognised heritage values of the land and the area, and to properly manage the land, while also retaining some 40% of the site for properly managed market garden activities. **Attachment A** provides an indication of a gradual transition of the Market Gardens site, over the course of 25 years.

The ESMP Trust has identified, and since 2008, has actively been pursuing the above opportunity, given the following escapable facts:

- there is now less than 8 years supply of burial space at ESMP;
- there was almost 14 years supply when the ESMP Trustees formally began seeking expansion in 2008 in direct response to the inquiry of the Social Issues committee of the NSW Legislative Council reported in 2005 which identified an acute shortage of burial space in the GMA, with the issue further reinforced subsequently by the Stakeholder Discussion Paper: *Burial Space in the Greater Metropolitan Area (NSW Crown Lands Dept.)(2008).*
- there is an increasing rate of burial space depletion due to other cemeteries reaching capacity, Sydney's population growth, and the ageing population;
- cemetery operating costs are covered by existing cemetery operations, but if supply is not available, operating costs will need to be met by the NSW tax payer.

There is now almost insufficient lead time to avoid a break in the supply of burial space and the income stream to run and maintain the existing ESMP cemetery.

Realistically, there is a 5 to 6 year lead time involved in bringing any initial supply of burial space on line at the market garden site, such as:

- rezoning the land to allow cemetery uses (2 years)
- undertake any further studies required to prepare and assess Development Applications for expansion (1 to 2 years)
- carry out engineering design and obtain Construction Certification (1 year)
- tender and construct the capacity required as well as properly remediate the land, reinstate site drainage and rehabilitate site ecology, as proposed (1 year)

Clearly, there is a need, and an opportunity via the current comprehensive draft LEP process, to facilitate the above community need, bearing in mind that facilitating cemetery uses on the land via the zoning provisions does not in itself, displace the existing market gardens in the short term, or their associated heritage significance.

Taking this opportunity will demonstrate good strategic planning, and facilitates a future transition (subject to further Development Consent) from the phasing out of an economically and environmentally unsustainable use, and the phasing in of a use compatible with the site attributes.

The zoning of the land to RU4 to accommodate the existing market garden activity, without facilitating a transition to cemetery uses during the life of the new plan, does not demonstrate good strategic planning, and does not recognise the following fundamental issues that significantly limit the ongoing use and sustainability of the land for market gardening.

Informed by no less than 10 specialist site specific studies conducted in respect of the market garden land since 2008 and more recently, by way of site inspection and technical analysis in 2010/2011 under a license from the LPMA, this objection to the RU4 zoning is made in the context of the following, fundamental issues:

1. The proposed RU4 zoning for the market gardens land will, in simple terms, restrict all future use of the land to 'agricultural' and 'associated' activities.

The basis of this intent has been both formally and informally indicated by Council to simplistically be:

- a) according to the Open Space Discussion Paper exhibited in July 2011, the RU4 zone is intended ...to preserve its primary agricultural use along with the State significant heritage and scenic character of the site;

- b) according to the Council report responding to the exhibited Discussion Paper recommended that cemeteries not be permitted on the site due to the extensive support for the proposed Rural Zoning (in the form of 24 submission) and the State Heritage Listing over the site; and
- c) according to Council Officer Ms Karen Armstrong in a meeting with Council and ESMP representatives in March 2012, the basis for the proposed RU4 zone was simply to encourage the existing market garden use of the land and to exclude of any other co-joint use.

The above 'justification' for the RU4 zoning by Council confirms a lack of rigour in Council's assessment of the site during the drafting of the draft LEP zoning, despite being informed via many representations by ESMP as to the site conditions that effectively render the land both 'unsuitable' and 'unsustainable' for agricultural purposes (see **Item A**). This can be no better exemplified by the abandonment of one of the three permissive occupancies that occurred in April last year. Further, it fails to recognize the overwhelming community support provided by the 5,000 signatures of a petition supporting the land to be zoned with cemeteries as permissible.

2. The proposal under the draft LEP to impose an RU4 zone, notwithstanding the questionable suitability of the land for this zoning, withholds from the Council and the community any appreciation as to the legitimacy of the plans for a gradual expansion of the cemetery over a 25 year period transitioning from an unsustainable and an unsuitable use of the market garden land to a use that is in the broader public interest socially, economically and environmentally for part of the land (see **Item B**).
3. The proposed RU4 zoning under the draft LEP is based on an incorrect and misleading view that the implication of the State Heritage listing of the market garden land is to preserve the site 'as is', and that all other alternative uses cannot be considered. This view seriously misleads the community and the elected Council as to the options that are available to gradually transition to a more sustainable use of the land resource for part of the land (see **Item C**).
4. The exhibited draft LEP does not (but must) have regard for the Final Land Assessment prepared by the (then) Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) dated May 2010. The Final Land Assessment takes into account site specific information and consequently confirms the suitability of the land for cemetery expansion purposes.

The Draft Land Assessment dated May 2008, upon which Council relies in proposing an RU4 zone (as indicated by the Open Space Discussion Paper), was based on a desktop assessment of the land, completed by an Environmental Officer of the then Department of Lands, which was demonstrated subsequently by site specific assessment to be erroneous (see **Item D**). The continued reference to the first report without regard to the second is not acceptable practice.

Without Council's recognition of the facts that sit behind the above observations, the recommendations of the Open Space Discussion Paper that have led Council to propose to zone the land RU4 under the draft LEP, remain seriously flawed; recommendations that are both poorly informed and distorted, and must not be relied upon to inform the most appropriate zoning provisions for the market garden site.

In further detail, the facts are:

Item A – Unsuitability of the land for an RU4 zoning

During investigations of the land to confirm the prospect of cemetery expansion, the following circumstances became apparent:

- the land is within Botany Groundwater Management zone 4, where there is a NSW government ban on groundwater use gazetted in 2003 under the provisions of the Water Act 1912;
- ongoing site specific inspections and technical investigations to date, consisting of groundwater monitoring wells and detailed site survey, confirm that:

- the land is being used for commercial agriculture irrigated by creek water pumped from the unnamed creek that is central to the site; and
- water levels in the creek running through the site correlate with the standing water levels recorded in groundwater monitoring wells, confirming that the water in the creek water is recharged by groundwater. In other words, the creek water that is being used to irrigate the Market gardens is predominately groundwater flowing from the contaminated Botany Sands Aquifer.
- the NSW government's (former) Department of Natural Resources fact sheet **Botany Sands Aquifer Groundwater Strategy Frequently Asked Questions** advises groundwater users in the management zone:

...not to water any food crops with groundwater, and not to consume any food which has previously been watered with groundwater.

- The NSW government fact sheet also states:

The groundwater is unusually close to the surface and, in some cases, almost right at the surface.

- The soil conditions remain a contamination risk. A diverse range of potentially toxic contaminants is present at the site, based on soil samples obtained by an agronomist and tested by Sydney Environmental Soil Labs.
- Chromium, Copper, Mercury, Zinc and DDT levels found in soil samples all exceed the accepted levels under NSW EPA guidelines. On the basis of these results, the agronomist notes:

Soils exhibiting these characteristics would, if proposed to be used for agricultural purposes, be rejected under the relevant guidelines....

The subject market garden site once formed part of a much larger market garden network that has gradually declined in area over time. This is consistent with the other markets gardens in the wider Sydney area.

This decline has invariably been a function of this form of agriculture having marginal economic feasibility relative to other land uses, and/or competing forms of agriculture that achieve the same outcome more cost effectively.

The feasibility of the existing gardens, when proper commercial and compliance costs are applied, notwithstanding the contamination concerns, is likely to be very limited and especially when the following are also taken into account:

- Excessive water and fertilizer use necessitated by poor soil conditions. Both are expensive in the volumes required to sustain the existing land use.
- The real economic costs associated with:
 - labour costs applicable under necessary workplace relations practices;
 - compliance with relevant safe work practice guidelines; and
 - compliance with modern industry environmental standards.
- The true market value of the land which is currently not reflected in the lease costs. There appears to be a miscorrelation between land and lease values, and the costs to the community in terms of lease revenue foregone, the potential impacts on the health of the community, and the ongoing degradation of the site without a mechanism to fund remediation.

Compounding the issue, the economic sustainability of the existing gardens is under threat from the increased use in hydroponically grown Asian vegetables, which have:

- greater water efficiency (drip irrigation, high water recycling rate);
- no particular soil or locational requirements;
- higher yield and higher operational efficiency;
- less off site pollution;
- faster growing, higher throughput;
- less disease;
- better, consistent quality vegetables;
- less dirt on vegetables reducing spoilage and cleaning costs
- less labour intensive and cheaper.

It is therefore a reality that the short to mid term sustainability of market gardening on the subject land (in terms of site suitability and agricultural viability) relies on:

- the availability of a constant and nil-cost source of albeit contaminated water;
- the continued absence of environmental management which fosters blatant non-compliance with noxious weed, feral animal, sanitation and erosion and sediment controls;
- the continued absence of 'workplace' compliant working conditions; and
- the continued use of as built infrastructure which is confirmed by a building report to be structurally unsound, and the presence of asbestos and makeshift electrical wiring.

Zoning the land to sterilise it from alternative uses in the future simply demonstrates an implied willingness by Council to perpetuate and endorse this situation. Not only is this seemingly unconscionable from a public health and safety standpoint, but to allow the land to be zoned RU4 to solely permit commercial agriculture with continued exposure to these risks is contrary to the intent and provisions of:

- Water Act 1912 (under which the embargo on groundwater use is in place)
- Contaminated Land Management Act 1997;
- SEPP 55 Contaminated Lands

By way of example, clause 60 of the CLM Act 1997 contains, *inter alia*, a duty of disclosure:

cl. 60 Duty to report contamination

(4) A person is required to notify the EPA under this section as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the contamination.

(5) A person is taken to be aware of contamination for the purposes of this section if the person ought reasonably to have been aware of the contamination.

(6) A notice under this section is to be in a form approved by the EPA and is to specify the following matters to the extent that they are within the knowledge of the person required to give the notice:

- (a) the location of the land,*
- (b) the activities that have contaminated the land,*
- (c) the nature of the contamination,*
- (d) the nature of the risk posed by the contamination,*
- (e) any other matter prescribed by the regulations.*

Council has previously, and now formally again under this submission, been made aware of the risks associated with this land, and an appropriate opportunity to disclose this information (to ensure public awareness) and to facilitate a gradual transition away from land uses that appear to no longer be suitable or sustainable on the land, is the draft LEP; seeking public comment on the most appropriate future zoning provisions for the land. The restated intention of the Trustees however is that the heritage listing and active market gardening should remain on some 40% of the site.

By way of further example, clause 6 of SEPP 55 states that:

(1) In preparing an environmental planning instrument, a planning authority is not to include in a particular zone (within the meaning of the instrument) any land specified in subclause (4) if the inclusion of the land in that zone would permit a change of use of the land, unless:

- (a) the planning authority has considered whether the land is contaminated, and*
- (b) if the land is contaminated, the planning authority is satisfied that the land is suitable in its contaminated state (or will be suitable, after remediation) for all the purposes for which land in the zone concerned is permitted to be used, and*
- (c) if the land requires remediation to be made suitable for any purpose for which land in that zone is permitted to be used, the planning authority is satisfied that the land will be so remediated before the land is used for that purpose.*

***Note.** In order to satisfy itself as to paragraph (c), the planning authority may need to include certain provisions in the environmental planning instrument.*

(2) Before including land of a class identified in subclause (4) in a particular zone, the planning authority is to obtain and have regard to a report specifying the findings of a preliminary investigation of the land carried out in accordance with the contaminated land planning guidelines.

(3) If a person has requested the planning authority to include land of a class identified in subclause (4) in a particular zone, the planning authority may require the person to furnish the report referred to in subclause (2).

(4) The following classes of land are identified for the purposes of this clause:

- (a) land that is within an investigation area,*
- (b) land on which development for a purpose referred to in Table 1 to the contaminated land planning guidelines is being, or is known to have been, carried out.*

We note that Table 1 of the 'Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines' (Dept. Urban Affairs and Planning, EPA, 1998) includes 'agricultural/horticultural activities' as a use that may cause contamination, and that this use is currently taking place within the Market gardens site.

Given that Council is now aware, and has for some time been aware, of the potential contamination issue (via our submission to the Open Space Discussion Paper) and that Council does not appear to have investigated the site for contamination, Council cannot satisfy the provisions of SEPP cl.6 subcl.(1) and in turn, cannot propose to rezone the land in any way that will permit a change of use UNLESS Council can be satisfied that the land is suitable for the uses proposed.

Unless Council has valid information to the contrary, the ongoing site investigations under Licence by ESMP to date indicate that the land is not suitable for ongoing agricultural activities but, with remediation, the land is suitable for cemetery purposes. Rezoning the land to RU4 to legitimately permit market gardening in the future, given this risk, is completely irresponsible.

Item B – Legitimate basis to permit a gradual transition to Cemetery Uses

As explained above, the proposal to expand the cemetery into part of the market garden site allows for a gradual phasing out of commercial agriculture on land deemed unsuitable for this purpose, and a gradual transition to a use that effectively remediates the land and meets a pressing community need. The cemetery serves one quarter of Sydney's population, including the constituents of Randwick Council.

The requirement for expansion dates back to 2005 when the NSW Government recognised lack of burial space as a critical issue and released its Stakeholder Discussion Paper, *Burial Space in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area*. Stakeholder comments were sought and a further Discussion Paper *Sustainable Burials in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area* was issued by the NSW Department of Lands. This 2008 paper made several recommendations, including:

- That the legislation be amended to allow for renewable tenure of gravesites and that community education be undertaken to ensure that there is a clear understanding that a gravesite is not held in perpetuity;
- That the current legislation for the revocation of unused burial rights in Crown cemeteries, as set out in the Crown Lands (General Reserves) By-law 2001, be extended to other cemeteries in NSW; and
- That space for new cemeteries and crematoria be included in future planning strategies, such as the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy.

The first 2 recommendations are now being acted upon, however the opportunity to address the third is during the strategic planning process to inform the preparation of the Draft Randwick LEP.

Since the publication of the 2005 Discussion Paper and the resultant public discussion leading to the 2008 Paper many communities who commented most vocally, and who for religious and/or cultural reasons cannot entertain cremation as a disposal option, are becoming more concerned that the matter be resolved. These are largely the Jewish, Greek, Italian, Aboriginal, Muslim and Asian population in the eastern and inner-west suburbs being serviced by ESMP. Clearly the opportunity to facilitate cemetery expansion in the future is an issue of broad public interest.

Item C – Implication of the State Heritage Listing

In October 1999 the (then) Director of the Heritage Council, Ms Rosalind Strong, wrote to the ESMP in respect of the implications of the listing, and noted that (refer **Attachment B**):

*...listing of the gardens as an item on the State Heritage Register is **not intended to freeze them in time. Heritage items need to be managed as evolving places**, while respecting and recognising their heritage values. **In the case of the gardens, listing on the Register is intended to recognise their heritage significance and ensure that any change occurs in a manner which is sympathetic and considered** in relation to their identified significance.*

A Council properly understanding and properly exercising their planning functions cannot, as is implied by the Open Space Discussion Paper, and now the proposed RU4 zoning with cemeteries a prohibited use, prejudice or limit their strategic thinking because an item is listed on the State Heritage Register.

The Trustees propose a greatly enhanced heritage outcome via a heritage agreement between respective NSW State Ministers, including but limited to the introduction of both Aboriginal and European heritage as well as Asian, for the site (see below).

Item D – Suitability of the Site for Cemetery Purposes

The Discussion Paper noted that in respect of the market garden land:

The Market gardens provide a valuable community resource with significant heritage, cultural, ecological, aesthetic and agricultural values.

....The Council noted in its submission [to the LPMA Draft Land Assessment] that the Cemetery expansion proposal is not supported because, in summary, of:

- *State Heritage Significance of the Chinese Market gardens*
- *Susceptibility of flooding on site and high water table*
- *Importance to preserve local agricultural production*
- *Biodiversity preservation*

....The submission also recommended that, of the three suitable land uses identified in the assessment report, agriculture is the most suitable use and zone for the subject site. The Council has received extensive community support for its position in recognising the value of the Chinese Market gardens.

Council's draft LEP, and the Open Space Discussion Paper upon which the zoning is based, prevents proper consideration of the relevant facts (as outlined in this submission) by the community and by the Council by simplistic reference to the Council's submission to the (then) LPMA which superficially implies the land is not suitable for cemetery expansion.

In reality, there are a number of undeniable reasons why the Market gardens site is suitable for gradual expansion of the cemetery over the next 25 years:

1. The ESMP cemetery site can only expand in that direction (NSW government plans dating from the 1940s consistently earmark the land for cemetery expansion) and "fit for burial purposes" and has so expanded previously;
2. The ESMP Trust has the support of the NSW Lands Department, the owners of the land comprising the Market gardens;
3. The heritage listing pertaining to the site is based on flawed, anecdotal research and there are other older, more authentic Market gardens in the area. For example, those currently at Wassel Street, Matraville but which, for some reason, have not been proposed for Heritage listing.

Nonetheless, the proposal to expand the cemetery is to maintain the Heritage significance and broaden the listing via a Heritage Agreement to include other undeniable items of parallel significance, such as:

- The Aboriginal significance, as original occupants;
 - The European history - Captain Cook first took on water at Yarra Bay, just to the south west of the cemetery, and the initial colonial farmers;
 - The industrial history of the area;
 - The subsequent Chinese market gardening significance since 1918;
 - The burial significance; and
 - The ecological significance of the wetlands.
4. There is no public access to the site and, consequently, the currently recognised and 'broader' heritage values cannot be appreciated by the public. Interestingly, Council has identified land to the north east, along Bunnerong Road, for biodiversity purposes and a walking/cycling path. The

location of that site indicates that the Market gardens site forms a logical extension to this strategic planning outcome;

5. The gardens are badly managed and the commercial operations conducted there currently are potentially in breach of state and local health, occupational and environmental regulations;
6. Invariably, the current operators of the gardens will vacate the site within the next 10 to 15 years (recently one of three occupants vacated), due to marginal economic viability. The ESMP expansion proposal provides a vehicle/mechanism to fund and responsibly manage the transition to a sustainable future land use (socially, culturally, economically and environmentally) and is the only vehicle to maintain an enhanced heritage outcome;
7. The gardens are irrigated by drawing water from the Botany aquifer. The aquifer has been declared by the (then) NSW Department of Natural Resources (2003) to be unsuitable for use for drinking or gardening for reasons that the groundwater in the aquifer is contaminated by past industrial land uses in the area. Specialist groundwater advice by EIS Pty Ltd advises that no land uses at risk of contact with groundwater should be permitted on this site.

As the Open Space Discussion Paper denied the community from being made aware of the broader issues concerning this site, it is not conscionable for Council to declare that the community support the proposal to 'rezone' the land to permit continued farming of the land, without formally testing the community views during the draft LEP exhibition period.

In terms of susceptibility of flooding and high water table, the Open Space Discussion Paper informing the draft LEP site zoning does not disclose that the landform has been modified significantly (presumably without permission) by successive market garden activities, and the land context has been modified by Council (Bicentennial Park) in such a way as to artificially exacerbate flood inundation.

The proposed cemetery expansion plans involve reinstating wherever possible the original landform, and rehabilitating wetland and riparian areas with properly engineered and effective drainage lines to remove flooding impacts.

And while the high water table is a problem for the existing agricultural activity for the reasons noted above, the cemetery proposal involves reinstating the natural topography and drainage, and providing a suitable depth of cover for burial purposes – effectively remediating the site at no cost to the tax payer.

In terms of Biodiversity Preservation, the site specific biodiversity assessment found that:

- The natural environment is neglected and there is evidence of significant environmental impacts;
- There is a high representation of noxious weeds - 11 species in total;
- There is no habitat for any of the twenty two (22) significant fauna species that are known to occur in the local area including the Sydney population of the endangered frog (Green and Golden Bell) or the (southern limit) population of the threatened frog Wallum Froglet.
- Evidence suggests that the poor environmental condition of the subject land is a direct result of poor land management practices.

Unfortunately it would appear that, unless Council can produce site specific scientific evidence to the contrary, the proposed application of the RU4 zone to the Market garden land is based on superficial, emotive and subjective views.

The Open Space Discussion Paper has been relied upon by the community and the Council to inform strategic planning and comprehensive LEP review decisions.

As Council did not properly acknowledge our former submission to the Open Space Discussion Paper, where all of the above issues were formally brought to Council's attention, the exhibited draft LEP

potentially leaves Council in the position of not properly exercising its planning powers, and potentially exposed to making decisions that contravene the provisions of various legislation, particularly SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land.

As pointed out by our former submission (to the Discussion Paper), Council's approach to the planning of the land use is, and remains, questionable. The Open Space Discussion Paper noted:

A number of sites (included in Appendix 1) are proposed to be rezoned to a compatible zone to reflect their actual land uses and ownership....

A Local Environmental Plan is a statutory instrument to communicate and to gradually facilitate strategic planning outcomes to benefit the broader community. Merely zoning the land to reflect current uses and landownership is, in our opinion, reactive planning, not proactive planning.

Further, we question the reasonableness of the zone objective proposed for the RU4 Zone (noting again that this zone applies only to the subject site and no other market garden site within the LGA), which specifically references the *significant heritage, cultural, ecological, aesthetic and agricultural values* of the Market Gardens. No other item of heritage significance within the LGA, or in our knowledge within the State, has been the subject of such a specific zone objective as the one proposed. This will serve to further restrict any reasonable and appropriate change part of to the land use.

However, with the facts reiterated by this submission, an opportunity still remains for Council to zone the land in such a manner as to logically, and strategically, allow cemetery uses to be permissible, subject to Council consent. This will maintain the opportunity to transition from an unsuitable use to a use that is sustainable and in the broader public interest.

If Council does not facilitate cemetery uses in light of the above as part of the draft LEP, then it would be appropriate in the circumstances above to have the zoning for this land determined to be a Deferred Matter, pending all relevant information being made available in the interest of a properly informed decision. This is consistent with the report to Council on the outcomes of the discussion papers for the draft Comprehensive LEP which made reference to the need for further advice from Government Agencies (including the Office of Environment and Heritage) following completion of further investigations over the subject site.

We welcome a meeting to discuss any aspect of this submission with a view to working with Council on this very critical and strategically important matter.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 0249 484322.

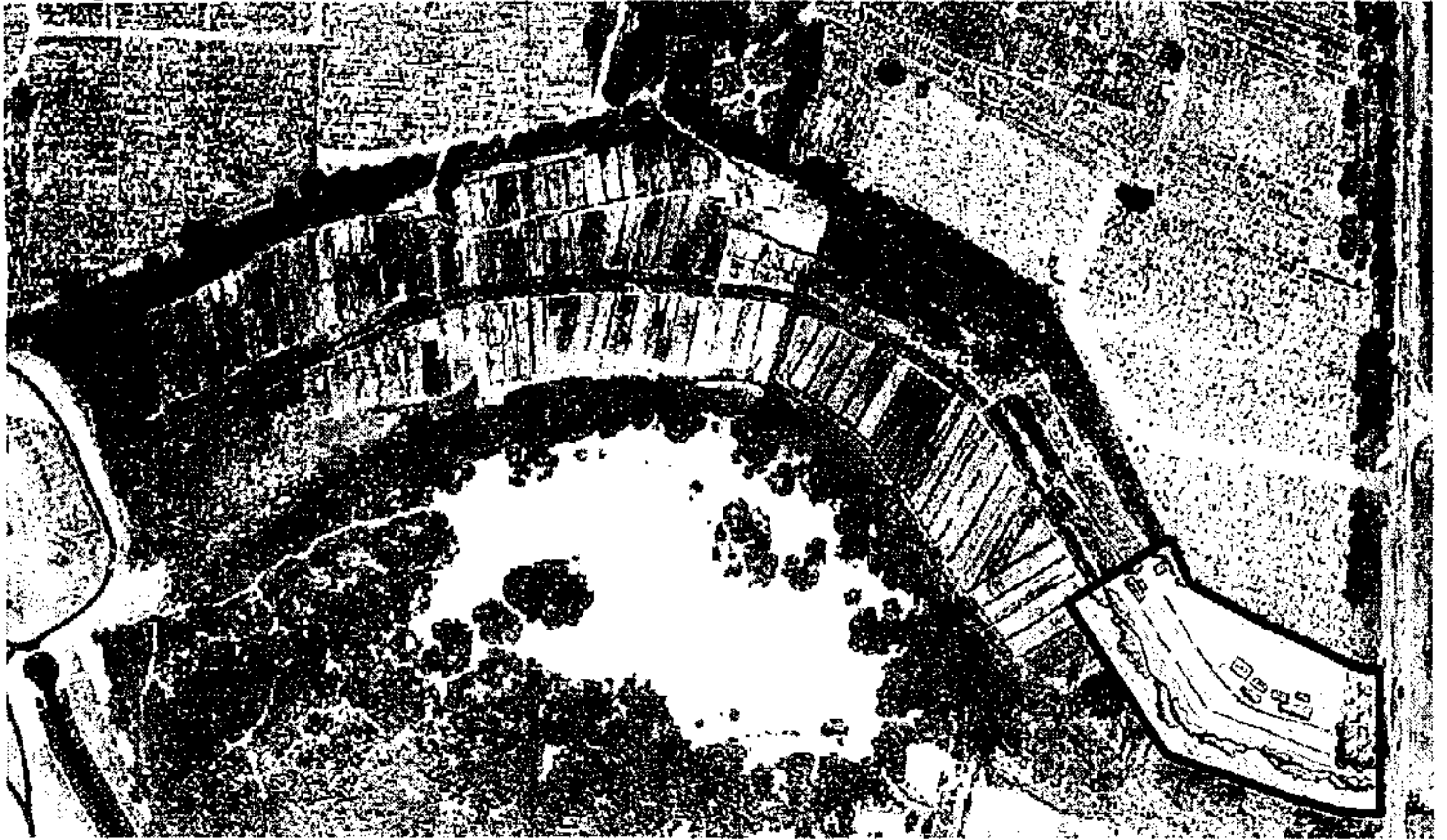
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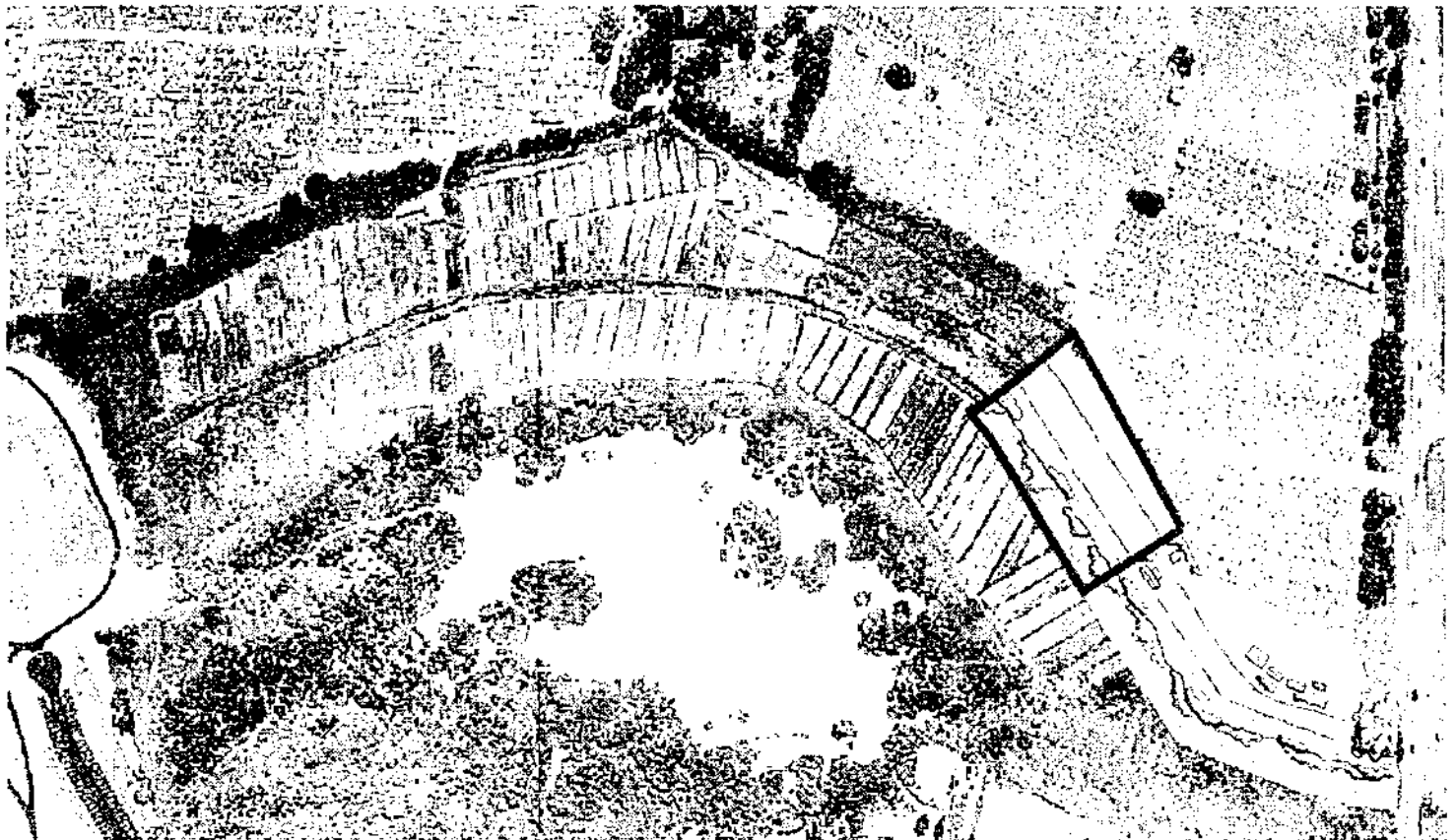
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ATTACHMENT A – Gradual Transition of Market Gardens Site

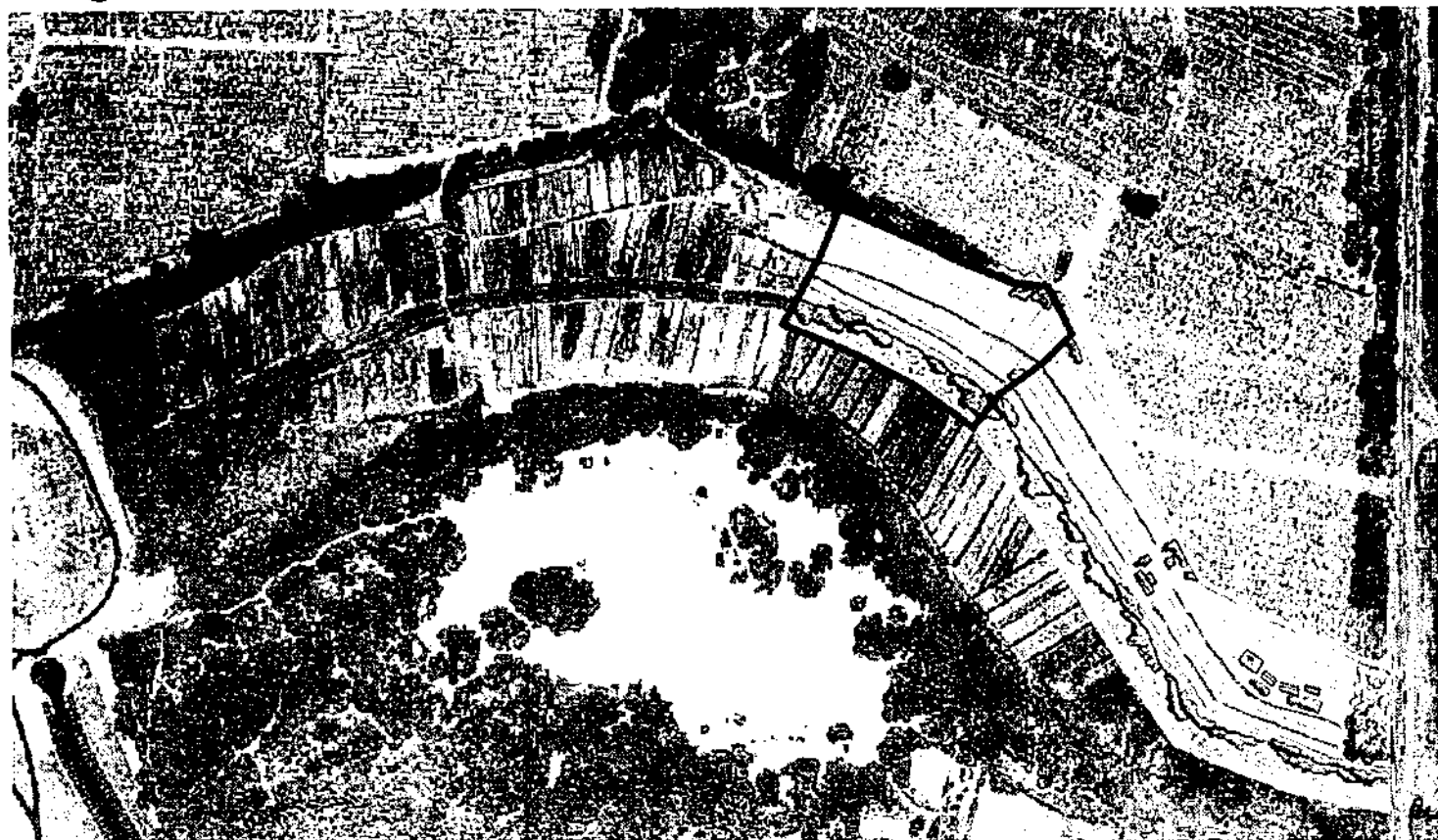
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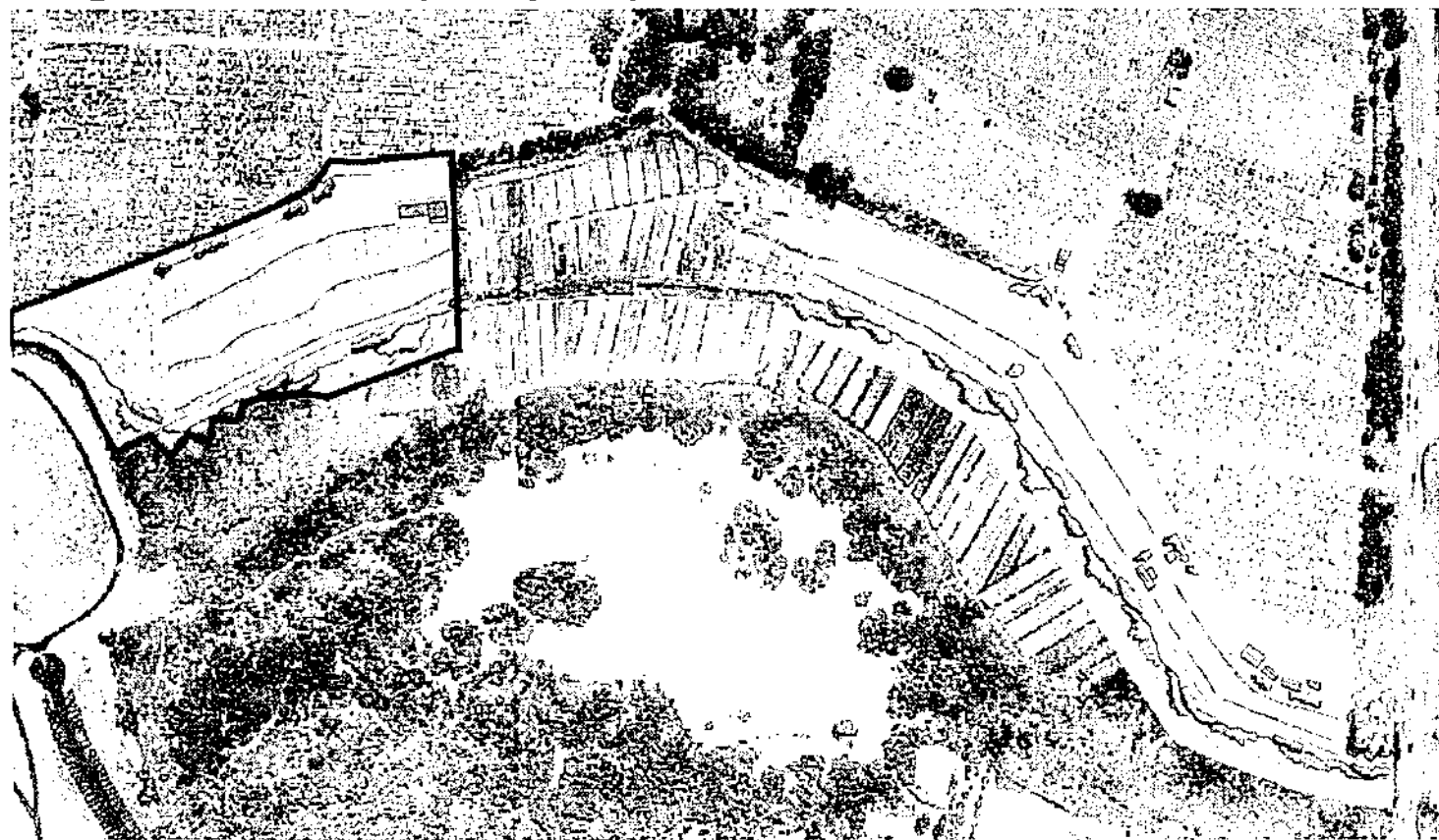
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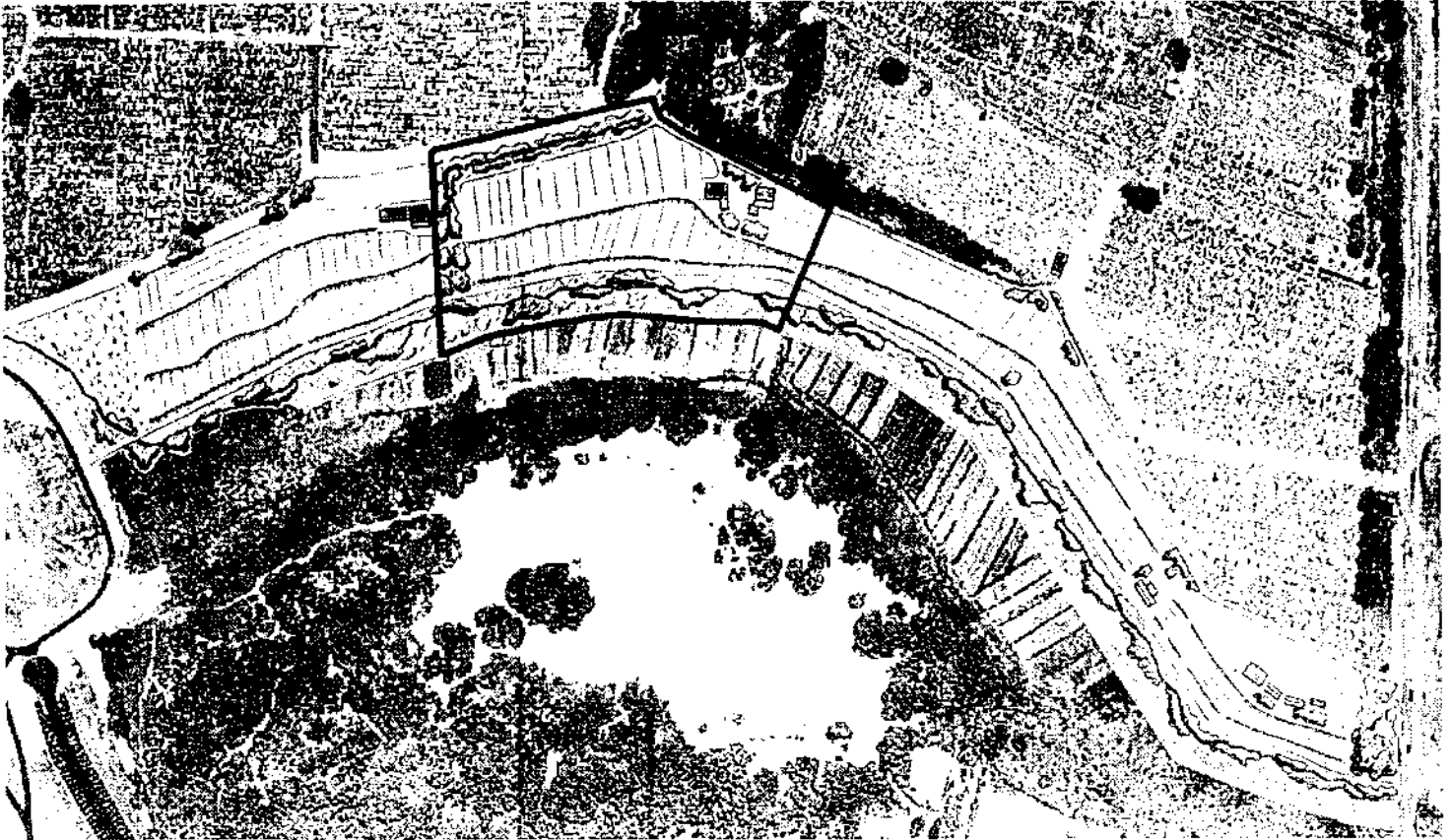
Stage 3 - Burial capacity required online as early as 2021



Stage 4 - Burial capacity required online as early as 2024



Stage 5 - Ultimate burial capacity required online as early as 2027



Key outcomes:

- Retain existing heritage listing but alter curtilage and broaden basis of significance
- Retain up to 40% of site for sustainable market gardens
- Address acute shortage of burial space for 1/4 of Sydney's population
- Reinstate natural creekline, riparian vegetation and habitat corridor
- Reinstate safe public access through Crown Land to Bicentennial Park via interpretive pathway featuring Heritage and Environmental information nodes
- Reinstate natural drainage regime and wetland habitat for urban stormwater management
- Remove illegal dumping grounds, noxious weeds and feral animals

ATTACHMENT B – Heritage Council Advice re Market Garden Site

Heritage Council



of New South Wales

Contact: M Robinson
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robinsm@heritage.nsw.gov.au
File: S90/06000
Your Ref:

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Mr Greg Taylor AM, OAM
Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park
Box 11, P O
Botany NSW 1455

Dear Mr Taylor

Re: **'CHINESE MARKET GARDENS', BUNNERONG ROAD, LA PEROUSE**

The Chair of the Heritage Council of New South Wales, Mrs Hazel Hawke, has asked me to reply to your letter of 19 August 1999 concerning the listing of the above gardens on the State Heritage Register.

Mrs Hawke notes your concerns about the future availability of land suitable for burial grounds in the eastern suburbs and the Sydney metropolitan area.

I enclose for your information the complete inventory sheet for the gardens from the NSW State Heritage Inventory. This includes historical notes, a physical description, an assessment of the gardens' significance using the State Heritage Register criteria and a summary Statement of Significance.

It describes the layering of history relating to use of the land for food production over a period of more than 150 years, the association with Chinese immigrants being the most recent phase of this. All periods in this history contribute to the land's heritage significance and were considered in reaching the decision that the land is of State significance.

As you are probably aware, there has been public pressure for heritage recognition of the Chinese Market Gardens since at least 1978, when the National Trust made representations to the then newly formed Heritage Council and to Randwick Council. A nomination for action under the Heritage Act was lodged in June 1979, supported by a petition with some 1000 signatures. At this time the Department of Housing proposed to subdivide and sell the land for residential purposes.

In July 1979 the then Minister, the Hon Paul Landa wrote to the Minister for Lands advising him that the Heritage Council had resolved

- that the gardens were an item of the State's environmental heritage, worthy of protection under the Heritage Act because of their historic and social associations with market gardening by the Chinese community and
- that the continued use of the land as a market garden should be encouraged.

The April 1999 amendments to the Heritage Act created the State Heritage Register with protection under the Act being established on the basis of heritage significance rather than on the basis of threat to an item (with protection through permanent conservation orders). The process for consideration of items for listing on the Register is set out in the Heritage Act, and now includes a requirement that public notice be given that the Heritage Council intends to consider the listing.

Following a community consultation program with the Chinese community about places of heritage significance for them in NSW, this notice was given in regard to the Bunnerong Road Chinese Market Gardens in the Public Notices section of the Sydney Morning Herald on 11 June 1999. No submissions were received in response to the public notice which might have caused the Heritage Council to recommend against the proposed listing. The Minister subsequently accepted the Heritage Council's recommendation, and the Gardens were entered onto the Register on 1 August 1999.

I enclose an information leaflet about the listing of the gardens on the State Heritage Register.

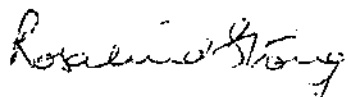
Your letter was unfortunately not received in time for the issues you raise to be taken into account when the Heritage Council considered the heritage significance of the Gardens and recommended their listing on the Register.

Nevertheless I would point out that listing of the gardens as an item on the State Heritage Register is not intended to freeze them in time. Heritage items need to be managed as evolving places, while respecting and recognising their heritage values. In the case of the gardens, listing on the Register is intended to recognise their heritage significance and ensure that any change occurs in a manner which is sympathetic and considered in relation to their identified significance.

Any future application for development of the land would be considered against these heritage values. The title description of the land covered by the listing is shown towards the top of the first page of the enclosed inventory sheet.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours faithfully



Rosalind Strong
Director

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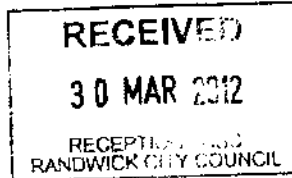


Pan-Arcadian Association of N.S.W.

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Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
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Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick Draft Comprehensive - Local Environment Plan 2012

Our committee and its members have been observing the developments surrounding the so called Chinese Market Gardens and are deeply disturbed by the proposal to zone the land as RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

We have been of the view for quite some time that the need for an adequate number of burial spaces to service our members well into the future would not be dismissed so lightly by the proposal on the table.

Our Association which was established in 1956 is located at the Spot in Randwick. Our members and their families number well in excess of 1500 people in the area and we feel that as Christians and citizens of this nation we are entitled to proper consideration of our long term needs as a community.

If Council has some other viable solution that does not require cremation, exhumation or having funerals well outside Sydney, we would be most interested to hear of your proposals.

Our members are law abiding citizens who do not wish to engage in unruly protests against such proposals and letter writing to the press, but we do retain the right to vote against any councillors who ignore the seriousness of our community's burial needs.

Please acknowledge, in writing, that you have received, read and considered our submission.

Yours faithfully,

MR STEVE KOKKINIS
HON. PRESIDENT
March 22, 2012

Randwick City Council

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Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Inc.

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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick City Council Draft Local Environment Plan 2012

The members of the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Descendants Inc. (AAJHS&D) are concerned to learn of an impending shortage of burial space in the Eastern Suburbs worsened by Randwick City Council's plan to prohibit the expansion of the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park in the Draft Local Environment Plan 2012 (DLEP 2012).

We represent the interests of Holocaust survivors and their descendants; to perpetuate the memory of the martyrs and heroes; to gather testimonies and provide facilities for teaching the legacy of the Holocaust. As you may appreciate our organisation devotes considerable time, resources and passion in commemorating the millions of Jews murdered during World War 2.

Judaism requires the deceased to be buried as soon as possible, forbids cremation and does not accommodate renewable tenure. Jewish burials in Australia are in single, identical graves.

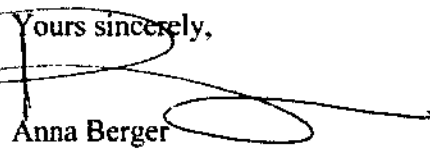
The limited burial space is a matter of deep concern for our organisation and for the Holocaust survivors in the Eastern Suburbs area. Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park is the closest and most convenient final resting place.

There is a relatively high proportion of single women in their 80s in the Jewish community, many of whom are survivors of the Holocaust. Their needs can at least in part be met by increasing the burial space at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park

We urge Randwick City Council to amend the DLEP2012 to increase burial space at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park by rezoning the lands known as the "Chinese Market Garden" site in order to permit its use as a cemetery.

Should you have any questions in relation to our submission please do not hesitate to phone me on 0425 365 305.

Yours sincerely,


Anna Berger
President
Australian Association of Jewish
Holocaust Survivors & Descendants



B'NAI B'RITH
ABN 56 250 641 627

29 March 2012

(Double-up)

Mr Ray Brownlee,
General Manager
Randwick City Council
Administration Building
30 Frances Street
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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012

B'nai B'rith NSW wishes to express its concern, on the impending shortage of burial space at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park caused by the rezoning of land in Randwick Council Draft Local Environment Plan.

B'nai B'rith is a world-wide Jewish community service organisation, bringing together people of the Jewish faith from all walks of life, without regard for background, level of religious belief or practice, social or economic circumstances. Through our membership base and network of volunteer supporters, B'nai B'rith is involved in a wide range of activities within both the Jewish and wider communities, in the areas of human rights and anti-discrimination, promoting inter-ethnic and inter-religious understanding, social justice, community welfare, senior citizens' housing.

The limited burial space in the Eastern suburbs is a matter of deep concern for our organisation. As you may be aware, Jewish religious law and practice is that every person is buried in a single grave that is exactly the same. There is a sound sociological as well as religious basis for this practice. Every person, whether rich or poor, is entitled to a single permanent resting place that is the same size as every other person's permanent resting place. All are buried in the same simple coffin, following the same pre-burial ritual. This principle of equality is widely understood and has remained unchanged for centuries.

Our organisation has recently become aware Randwick Council intends to limit the amount of burial space available to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park by re-zoning suitable land adjacent to the Park to prohibit its use as cemetery.

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B'NAI B'RITH

B'nai B'rith asks Randwick City Council to amend the draft LEP to increase of burial space at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Trust by rezoning the lands known as the Chinese Market Garden site and currently listed in the Draft 2012 LEP as Primary Production Small Lots (RU2) to be changed to SP2 Infrastructure.

We trust you will consider our submission favourably and look forward to your response.

Should you have any questions in relation to this letter please call me on 0409 412 123

Yours sincerely,

Diana Laufer
President, B'nai B'rith NSW

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JewishCare

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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012

I write on behalf of JewishCare to express our concern about the limited amount of land zoned for cemetery space in the Randwick City Council Draft Local Environment Plan 2012.

JewishCare is the principal provider of welfare and support services to the Jewish community. It has done so throughout the last century, and continues, in particular, to actively provide services for older people living in their own homes, people with a disability or mental health issues, vulnerable children and families as well as members of the community facing crises.

We are particularly concerned to see that poorer members of the Jewish community are able to bury their deceased at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park where living relatives can easily access gravesites by public transport. Similarly, members of our community who cannot travel far from home easily, can only visit gravesites that are close to home.

We understand that our closest cemetery, the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park has under a decade's worth of burial space left, and there is no provision in the Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012 for more burial space. This is a matter of deep concern to JewishCare.

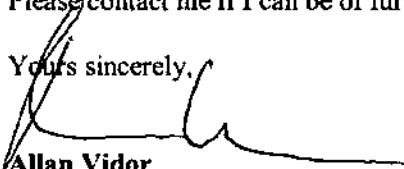
Following a review of the Draft LEP 2012 we believe Randwick City Council has an opportunity to provide more burial space by zoning the "Market Garden" site adjacent the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park to permit its use as a cemetery.

We understand that it is possible to provide suitable alternative land to enable the current market garden licensees to continue their activities, but only the land contiguous with the existing cemetery can sensibly be added to the land available for burial.

We urge Randwick City Council to revise the zoning of the "Market Garden" site to give our residents comfort that when they pass away they will be able to be buried in consecrated Jewish burial grounds in a location close to their circle of family and friends.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Allan Vidor
President,
JewishCare

21 March 2012

Mr Ray Brownlee,
General Manager
Randwick City Council
Administration Building
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031



MONTEFIORE

21 MAR 2012

Regard to...

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012

I write on behalf of the Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home to express our concern about the limited amount of land zoned for cemeteries in the Randwick City Council Draft Local Environment Plan 2012.

The Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home is one of the oldest and most distinguished organisations serving the Sydney Jewish Community. The Home opened its doors for the first time on October 27, 1889 in premises at South Dowling Street, Moore Park. Today the organisation has four campuses in Hunters Hill, Wollahra, Randwick and Maroubra, each offering varying levels of aged care from hostel, full nursing care and dementia units.

Residents coming to our facility are generally entering the final stages of their life and they need reassurance they can be buried close to their family. As you no doubt are aware, cremation and limited tenure burial are not open to members of the Jewish faith.

We understand our closest cemetery, the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park has about 8 years of burial space left and that there is no provision in the Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012 for more burial space. This is a matter of deep concern for us and our residents.

Following a review of the of the Draft LEP 2012 we believe Randwick Council has an opportunity to provide more burial space by zoning the "Market Garden" site adjacent the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park to permit its use as a cemetery. We believe this site is ideal as it is located next to an existing cemetery with good road access. We understand that it is possible to provide suitable alternative land to enable the current market garden licensees to continue their activities, but only the land contiguous with the existing cemetery can sensibly be added to the land available for burial.

We urge Randwick City Council to revise the zoning of the "Market Garden" site to give our residents comfort that when they pass away they will be able to be buried in the Jewish tradition in a location close to their circle of family and friends.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

David Freeman AM
President

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COA

Enriching the lives of Jewish Seniors

28 March 2012

Randwick City Council

- 2 APR 2012

~~BRUNNEN HANDBUCH~~

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
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Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012

I write on behalf of COA Sydney Inc to express our concern about the limited amount of land zoned for cemeteries in the Randwick City Council Draft Local Environment Plan 2012.

The COA Sydney Inc provides home based service for the frail aged and people with disabilities of the Sydney Jewish Community. We deliver kosher meals on wheels for people who have difficult preparing their own meals. We provide a broad range of aged care support to enable the aged to continue to live in their own homes, including transition to residential care.

We are particularly concerned to see that poorer members of the Jewish community are able to bury their deceased at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park where living relatives can easily access gravesites by public transport. Similarly, members of our community who cannot travel far from home easily, can only visit gravesites that are close to home.

We understand that there is no provision in the Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012 for more burial space. Our closest cemetery, the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park has only 8 years of burial space left and could expand if allowed by the Council. To that end, we ask that Randwick City Council allow for more burial space by zoning the "Market Garden" site adjacent the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park to permit its use as a cemetery.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Russell Stern
President
COA Sydney Incorporated

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21 March 2012

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Local Environmental Plan 2012

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012

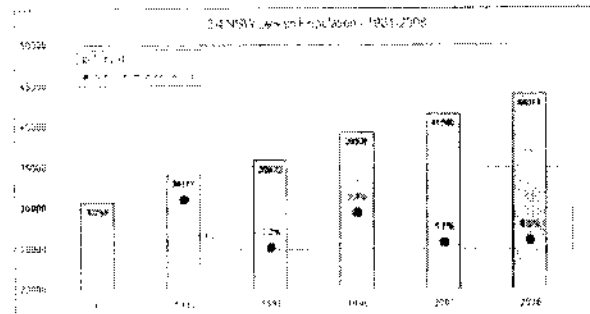
I write on behalf of the Jewish Board of Deputies to lodge a submission to the Randwick City Council Draft Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Draft LEP 2012) to express our concerns about the limited amount of land zoned for burial space.

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies is the official elected representative body of the Jewish Community in New South Wales, with 61 major communal organisations as its constituents. It is recognised by the NSW State Government, its agencies, the media and other ethnic and religious groups as the representative body of the Jewish Community and speaks on its behalf on all matters affecting the status, welfare and interests of New South Wales Jewry.

Judaism requires the deceased to be buried as soon as possible, forbids cremation and does not accommodate renewable tenure. Jewish burials in Australia are in single graves. The Rookwood Jewish Cemetery Trust strictly adheres to the religious rulings of the Sydney Beth Din (Rabbinical Court).

Jewish religious law and practice is that every person is buried in a single grave that is exactly the same. There is a sound sociological as well as religious basis for this practice. Every person, whether rich or poor, is entitled to a single permanent resting place that is the same size as every other person's permanent resting place. All are buried in the same simple coffin. This principle of equality is widely understood and has remained unchanged for centuries.

Based on the most recent census combined with Jewish community population statistics approximately 44,000 Jews live in NSW 98% of whom reside in Sydney. (Chart 1)
Our population is growing at just under 6% per annum, with consequent likely increase in burial needs. There is a relatively high proportion of single women in their 1980s in the Jewish community. (Chart 2)



Constituents: Academy BJE - NSW Board of Jewish Education • Access Ezer • Association of Jewish Engineers • AUJS - Australasian Union of Jewish Students Australia • Australasian Jewish Medical Federation (NSW) • Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors & Descendants • Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University (NSW) • Australian Friends of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem Limited • Australian Jewish Genealogical Society Inc • Australian Jewish Historical Society • B'nai B'rith Council of NSW • Bondi Mizrachi Synagogue • Central Coast Shalom Progressive Jewish Congregation Inc • (The) Central Synagogue • Child Survivors of the Holocaust Group (Sydney) • Coogee Synagogue • Cremorne Synagogue • Eastern Jewish Association • Emanuel School • Emanuel Synagogue • Friends of Bar Ilan University • Great Synagogue • Jewish Arts & Culture Council • Jewish Centre on Ageing (COA) • Jewish Folk Centre Incorporated • JewishCare • Joint Committee for Jewish Higher Education • Kenilworth Masada Synagogue • Kesser Torah College • Maccabi NSW • (Friends of) Magen David Adom Inc Australia (NSW) • Mendelbaum House • Maroubra Synagogue • Masada College • Moriah College • Mount Sinai College • NAJEX - NSW Association of Jewish ex-Servicemen & Women • National Council of Jewish Women of Australia NSW Division • Newcastle Hebrew Congregation • Newtown Synagogue • North Shore Synagogue • North Shore Temple Emanuel • NSW Association of Sephardim • NSW Board of Progressive Jewish Education • NSW Jewish War Memorial Community Centre • NSW Society of Jewish Jurists & Lawyers • Parramatta & District Synagogue • Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home • South Head & District Synagogue • Southern Highlands Jewish Community Group • Southern Sydney Synagogue • Zionist Council of NSW • Strathfield & District Hebrew Congregation • Sydney Jewish Museum • Technion Society of Australia (NSW) • The Jewish House Crisis Center • The Shalom Institute • WIZO NSW • Wolper Jewish Hospital • Womanpower • Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies has reviewed the Randwick City Council Draft LEP 2012. We note there is no provision for the expansion of burial space in the Draft LEP. Further we understand that Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Trust has limited available burial space, which expires in the coming decade.

A sizeable and growing proportion of the NSW Jewish community lives in Randwick, and for them the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park is the closest and most convenient final resting place. For the poorer members of our community, gravesites must be readily accessible by public transport and not too far from home. There is a real equity issue that needs to be addressed, and the current draft LEP does not address it at all satisfactorily.

The NSW Jewish community asks that Council take this opportunity to increase the amount of land available for burial space by rezoning the lands at Matraville known as the "Chinese Market Garden site". This land is currently listed in the Draft LEP 2012 as Primary Production Small Lots (RU2), we are requesting the zoning be changed to SP2 Infrastructure to enable an increase in the burial space at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

The issue of the adequate burial space is a matter for our whole society, particularly the large Jewish community of eastern Sydney.

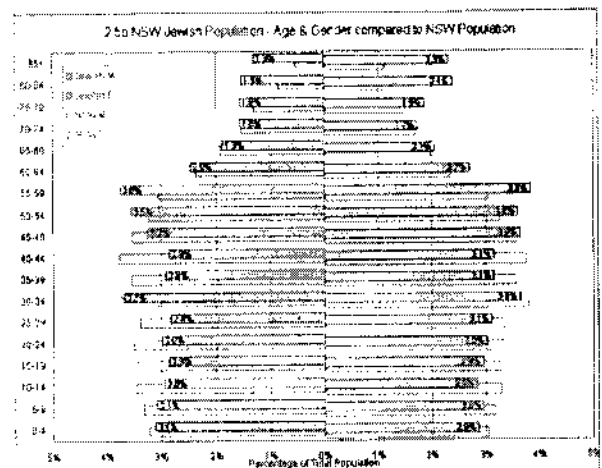
We urge Randwick City Council to re-examine this issue when preparing the final Local Environment Plan.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Yair Miller
President





**KONSUL JENDERAL REPUBLIK INDONESIA
SYDNEY**

Sydney, 30 March 2012

Mr. Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr. Brownlee,

Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan (LEP), 2012

I write on behalf of the Indonesian Community in New South Wales, in particular those residing in the Randwick City Council. It has come to our attention that the Randwick City Council is preparing a draft comprehensive Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and draft comprehensive Development Control Plan (DCP) regarding the expansion of the cemetery to meet the growing demand for burial space in the Randwick Local Government Area. The purpose of this letter is to support the proposal for increased burial space in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

The issue of adequate burial space is a matter for our society, including the large Indonesian Community of Eastern Sydney. The Indonesian Community is a religious one whether Muslim, Christian, Catholic, Buddhist or Hindu. It is important to the Indonesian Community and its various religious affinities and customs that loved ones are buried as soon as possible and with great dignity. It is also important that relatives and friends are able to visit the deceased with ease, where loved ones visit graves for the purpose of receiving admonishment and remembering the hereafter.

A sizeable and growing proportion of the NSW Indonesian community lives in the Randwick Council jurisdiction, and for them the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park is the closest and most convenient resting place. Therefore, it is essential for our community that there is adequate burial space within our jurisdiction for the foreseeable future.

The Indonesian Community asks that Council take this opportunity to increase the amount of land available for burial space by rezoning the lands at Matraville known as the "Market Gardens".

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,


/ **Gary R.M Jusuf**
Consul General



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In the name of Allah The Beneficent, The Merciful

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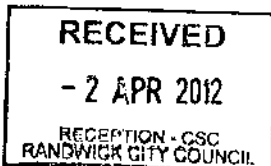


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Mr Ray Brownlee,
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
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2 April 2012
Randwick City Council

03 APR 2012
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Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012

I write on behalf of Centre for Islamic Dakwah and Education of New South Wales, to lodge a submission to the Randwick City Council Draft Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Draft LE 2012) to express our concerns about the limited amount of land zoned for burial space.

Moslem requires the deceased to be buried as soon as possible, forbids cremation and does not accommodate renewable tenure.

The CIDE NSW Inc. has reviewed the Randwick city Council Draft LEP 2012. We note that there is no provision for the expansion for burial space in the draft LEP. Further we understand that Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Trust has limited available burial space, which expires in the coming decade.

As many of Indonesian Moslem as residents of Randwick City, I'm concerned about the lack of burial space in the Randwick Local Government Area and believe we need to set aside sufficient land to ensure local residents can be buried in the local area.

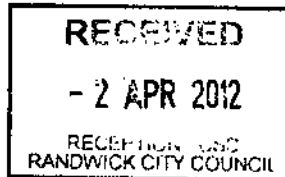
The CIDE NSW community asks that Council take this opportunity to increase the amount of land available for burial space by rezoning the lands at Matraville known as the "Chinese Market Garden site". This land is currently listed in the Draft LEP 2012 as Primary Production Small Lots (RU2). We are requesting the zoning be changed to SP2 infrastructure to enable an increase in the burial space at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park.

We urge Randwick City Council to accommodate this important need and re-examine this issue when preparing the final Local Environment Plan.

Please contact me if I can be of a further assistance with this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Aly Zakaria
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Sydney, 31 March 2012

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General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick, NSW 2031

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03 APR 2012

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Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

Dear Mr. Brownlee,

I am writing on behalf of Indonesian Community in New South Wales to request the land known as the "Market Gardens" at Arthur Taylor Avenue, Matraville be rezoned to permit its use as a cemetery.

The Indonesian population in the Randwick City Council area continues to grow and Indonesians are becoming an increasingly significant part of the Randwick multicultural society. Our community is a religious one where, in the case that someone passes away; the various religions require that the deceased are buried as soon as possible and with great dignity. The Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park is the most convenient resting place for the Indonesians living in Randwick. Therefore, it is essential for our community that there is adequate burial space within this cemetery for the foreseeable future.

I hope the Randwick City Council will consider the concerns of our community.

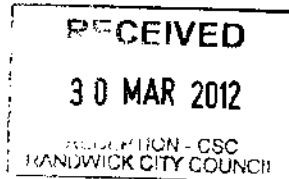
Should you have any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ani Blenkinsopp
President ICC - NSW

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Ray Brownlee
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30 Frances St,
Randwick NSW 2031



Dear Sir,

Objection: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I wish to lodge my objection against the proposed zoning of the Chinese Market Gardens at Matraville to RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

It is clear that burial spots are running out quite quickly at Botany Cemetery and NO convenient alternative has been advertised by Council.

The zoning of the Chinese Gardens must be changed so as to allow usage as a cemetery.

Any decision to the contrary will be an example of poor planning and disregard for the Christian practice of burial.

Yours sincerely,

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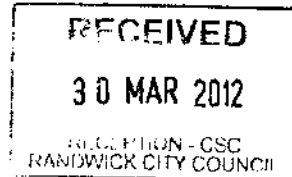
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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street,
Randwick NSW 2031



Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I wish to add my objection to many others that are no doubt being lodged in relation to the proposed zoning of the "Chinese Gardens" to RU4 Primary Production.

My objection is based on the failure of the proposed zoning to allow for its use as a cemetery. The site is uniquely suitable for use as a cemetery and the level of agricultural produce from the land is both insignificant and most probably questionable given the poor soil and water qualities which sustain the market garden activity.

My Christian beliefs and heritage do not allow for cremation and the prospect of having to bury our loved ones in the future at a site outside Sydney is daunting and costly given that both Botany as well as nearby cemeteries are nearing capacity.

It is Council's responsibility to make allowance for burial sites and the location of the Chinese Gardens is the best choice from a planning point of view.

Any proposed zoning should therefore allow for these gardens to be used as burial space in the very near future.

Please acknowledge receipt of my letter.

Yours faithfully

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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances St,
Randwick NSW 2031

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RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL

Dear Mr Brownlee

Re: Randwick Draft Comprehensive - Local Environment Plan 2012

We wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed zoning of the Chinese Market Gardens at Matraville to RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

The proposal is flawed from a planning view and insensitive to our needs as Christians who bury rather than cremate our dearly departed.

My inquiries to date indicate that the other cemeteries at Sutherland and Rookwood will also reach their limits within the decade and thus will not provide any comfort to those of us within the area.

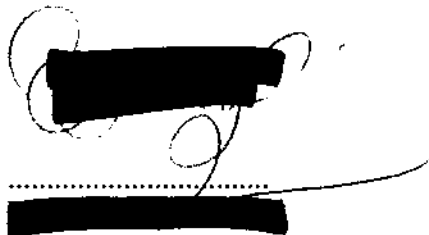
I am also advised that the present level of primary production from the so called gardens is insignificant and more importantly the soil and water qualities makes one wonder why the authorities have not banned the use of the land for agricultural purposes.

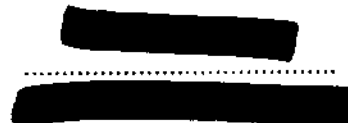
I am also informed that following the hail storm over a decade ago, the Council permitted the dumping of substantial amounts of asbestos which have damaged the local ecosystem.

Does Council have a Plan 2 or will it preside over a planning disaster that will persist for decades?

Can you please advise as to where and how in its proposal council has dealt with the issue of burials once the present Botany site is virtually taken up within the decade.

Yours sincerely,





Randwick City Council

2 APR 2012

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701458188

R. Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street,
Randwick NSW 2031



March 24, 2012

Dear Mr Brownlee

Matter: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

We wish to object quite strongly to the proposed zoning of the Chinese Gardens to RU4 Primary Production.

Quite apart from the fact that this land produces an insignificant amount of produce in second rate soil, the opportunity should not be lost to allow for its use as a cemetery in future owing to its unique location, accessibility and its borders with the existing cemetery of Botany.

We attended university, have our homes and business within close proximity to the present cemetery and we feel that in future we should have both our graves as well as the graves of older members of our family within close proximity.

It will be a sorry state of affairs if Council in its determination ignores the life cycle of the community and does not allow for its planning model to incorporate sufficient burial spaces for well into the future.

If the proposed zoning does not allow for use as a cemetery in the future, where will Council create an additional cemetery without it adversely impacting residents and other types of development?

We therefore kindly request that Council give due consideration to the matter and zone the land so that it may be used as a cemetery at a time when there are an inadequate number of available graves to serve the community.

Our position is based both on grounds of practicality as well as our Christian beliefs which only allow for burial.

Your reply would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature block]

Randwick City Council

- 2 APR 2012

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From: Bang The Table [admin@bangthetable.com]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 5:15 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: An anonymous user completed 'Draft Comprehensive LEP '

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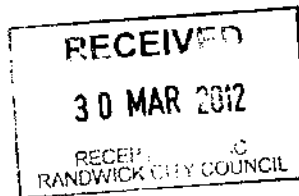
as a greek community based group in the adjoining council of Rockdale where our Greek Orthodox religion allows for berial , we would like council to reconsider its decision and allow Estern suburbs cemetary to use the adjoining lands to expand its availability of berial plots. This would allow our greek orthodox tradition to continue berials , as the projections is that plots are becomming limited in the years ahead

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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances St,
Randwick NSW 2031



March 19, 2012

Dear Sir,

Objection: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I wish to objection totally against the proposed zoning of the Chinese Market Gardens at Matraville to RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

Any new zoning of the Chinese Gardens must be changed so as to allow usage as a cemetery.

Failure to provide for the future burial needs of Christians is both insensitive, immoral and impractical. Furthermore, it makes little sense from a planning point of view.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature and name]

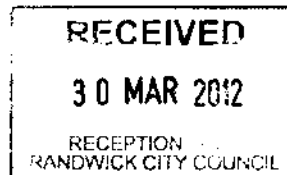
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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street,
Randwick NSW 2031



Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick Draft Comprehensive -- Local Environment Plan 2012

We are a young couple with a child and one more on the way. We both attended school in the Randwick Municipality, we live in our own home in Eastlakes and one of us also works in the area.

We find the current proposal by Randwick City Council to zone the Chinese Gardens to RU4 Primary Production to be short sighted and inexplicable.

This land possesses no critical agricultural qualities or output and as for the so called heritage aspects our own research reveals that these gardens were set up by our first settlers and not the Chinese who took over the gardens at some time in the 1920's. Even more disturbing is the quality of the land and the water which is used to irrigate it.

All in all, the proposed zoning (without allowance for future use as a cemetery) is extremely poor planning.

In the interests of better planning, respect for our dead in the future, as well as the basic proposition that each area should cater for its own dead, we kindly request that the zoning allow for the use of this land as a cemetery when the current Botany Cemetery site is practically full.

Yours sincerely,

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March 19, 2012

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 27 March 2012 5:36 PM
To: General Manager
Subject: Botany Cemetery - Draft LEP 2012

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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I am one of 1.4 million citizens who depend on Botany Cemetery for the burial of my loved ones. I do not live within the boundaries of Randwick City, but your Council needs to understand that people from Vaucluse to Sutherland, from La Perouse to the St George area and Sydney's inner-west depend on Botany Cemetery for the right to be buried.

I wish to object to the proposal to zone the vacant land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Matraville to "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots". The "Chinese Market Gardens" land should be zoned to permit its use as a cemetery. We are currently facing a shortage of burial space in this area of Sydney and this land would be ideal for such use since it is mainly vacant and located immediately adjacent to an existing cemetery.

I understand that some Councillors have suggested to the Greek Orthodox Church that it cremate its dead. This would never be acceptable to Orthodox Christians. We bury our dead with dignity and look after their graves. That has been our tradition since the first Christians believed in Christ.

There is, however, another ancient and very practical solution to the lack of space in the Eastern Suburbs: ossuaries. Perhaps Randwick Council could turn its mind to allowing the building of ossuaries which could house thousands of remains while allowing cemetery space to be recycled? This would be much more acceptable than the discriminatory imposition of a secular or Protestant mindset on Orthodox Christians, as well as on people of other faiths who do not agree with cremation.

However, until Randwick and other councils are willing and able to allow the building of ossuaries, the Council should plan to allow the expansion of Botany Cemetery so that it can be used for as long as possible into the future.

I trust you will consider my views favourably and I look forward to your reply.

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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 29 March 2012 10:53 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: RE: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Thursday 29th March, 2012

Dear Mr Brownlee,

RE: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I am writing to voice my concern that the proposed Randwick Local Environment Plan does not provide sufficient land for cemeteries. Not everyone wishes for their loved ones to be cremated, many wish for them to be buried, and there is a legitimate need and obligation for the council to do all it can to help satisfy the needs of its constituents.

In short, to address this shortage, I would like to request the land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" site at Bunnerong Road, Matraville, be zoned to permit its use as a cemetery. The location of this land next to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park would make it an ideal expansion of the existing cemetery and minimise impact on local residents.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 30 March 2012 10:20 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Randwick Comprehensive LEP 2012

To:
Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances St
Randwick
NSW 2031.

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Re : Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012.

I understand that the Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012 includes predicted closure of the Botany Cemetery. It seems that both Botany Cemetery and Rookwood cemetery may be inadequate for burials within the next 8 years. It is important that local councils in Sydney continue to make provision for cemetery space, reasonably close to their residents.

The Botany cemetery holds much of Sydney's early history and is important for many families today. It is of special importance for immigrants to know their family graves are accessible. Cremation has been suggested as an alternative but there are those whose religious faith does not permit cremation – Jews, Muslims and Orthodox Christians. Until recently, cremation was not an option for Catholics and the majority still wish to be buried. I have friends who are concerned about the future of Botany Cemetery.

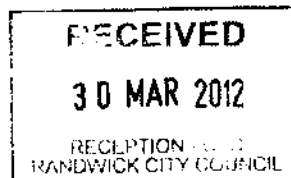
I understand the land known as the Chinese market garden at Arthur Taylor Avenue in Matraville could be zoned to permit a some of the land to be used for a cemetery.

I ask that the Randwick Council amend the LEP to ensure that the future needs of their citizens for family graves are met. With due provision for the historical and practical importance of the Chinese Markets, using part of this land would provide a suitable solution.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street,
Randwick NSW 2031**



Dear Mr Brownlee

Randwick Draft Comprehensive - Local Environment Plan 2012

As a senior resident of the Randwick City Council, I wish to voice my objection to the current proposal by Randwick City Council to zone the Chinese Gardens to RU4 Primary Production.

Any new zoning should allow for the Gardens to be used for the purposes of a cemetery.

No nearby alternative has been proposed or made available and this site is the ideal location.

I think it is unreasonable to expect thousands of future burials to be forced well outside the Randwick City area.

Yours faithfully

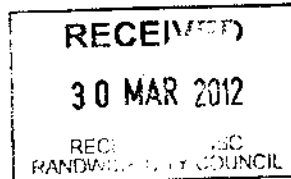
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- 2 APR 2012

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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances St,
Randwick NSW 2031



Dear Sir,

**Objection: Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local
Environment Plan 2012**

I wish to object to the proposed zoning of the Chinese Market Gardens at Matraville to RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

We have known for some time that space is running out in the current grounds of Botany Cemetery and presumed that Council would see its way clear to allowing an extension into the Chinese Gardens which is the most ideal spot both from a planning perspective as well as convenience to the thousands of families which will need to bury their dead in due course.

The zoning of this land must be changed so as to allow future use as a cemetery.

Failure to do this will be nothing less than council's failure of its planning responsibilities and its duty to its ratepayers.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Randwick City Council

2 APR 2012

Richard Rescove

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2012 5:47 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Re - Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012

I would like to request the land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Arthur Taylor Avenue in Matraville be zoned to permit its use as a cemetery.

As a resident of a nearby municipality and a business / property owner in the Botany Council precinct, I have loved ones interred at Botany Cemetery.

My ancestry in Australia has been interred only at Botany Cemetery. This includes my great grandmother, my grandmother and grandfather, my mother and my sister. This does not include numerous other relatives also interred there. I attend the cemetery every day (fortunately the proximity of my warehouse allows me to) and I light my mothers lamp. I can't imagine having to attend any other cemetery and I expect it to be my resting place when the time arrives.

I would be distressed if, in the future, some of my family were buried at Botany Cemetery and others had to be buried west of Penrith and the Blue Mountains. Randwick City Council has a moral responsibility towards citizens outside of its precinct who choose to exercise their right to be buried.

I am concerned about the lack of burial space in the Randwick Local Government Area and believe sufficient land needs to be set aside to ensure the future expansion of Botany Cemetery. I believe the "Chinese Market Garden" land with its current use and location next to the existing Cemetery is well suited to meet this demand.

I hope you will amend the LEP to accommodate this important need and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
10 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

16/03/12
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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I am writing to request the land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Bunnerong Road, Matraville be zoned to permit its use as a cemetery.

As a long term resident I would like to be buried in my local area. I am concerned the proposed Local Environment Plan does not provide sufficient land for cemeteries.

I believe one opportunity to address this shortage is allow the "Chinese Market Gardens" to be used for a cemetery. The location of this land next to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park would make it an ideal expansion of the existing cemetery and minimise impact on local residents.

Should you have any questions in relation to my submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

FORM LETTER

Randwick City Council

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Mr Ray Brownlee,
General Manager
Randwick City Council
Administration Building
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

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Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive LEP 2012

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Yours sincerely,

Mr X

FORM LETTER

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Monday, 26 March 2012 11:38 AM
 To: LEPreview
 Subject: [REDACTED] 2

Dear Mr Ray Brownlee

26 Mar 2012

Mr Ray Brownlee,
 General Manager
 Randwick City Council
 30 Frances Street
 Randwick NSW 2031

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Yours sincerely,

FORM LETTER

1st April 2012

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

I wish to object to the proposal to zone the vacant land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Matraville to "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots".

I believe the "Chinese Market Gardens" land should be zoned to permit its use as a cemetery.

My position is based on the fact that we are currently facing a shortage of burial space in the local area and this land would be ideal for such a use given it is mainly vacant and located next an existing cemetery.

I choose to be buried. This is my right.

I trust you will consider my views seriously and I look forward to your reply.

Regards

Signature.....

Print Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

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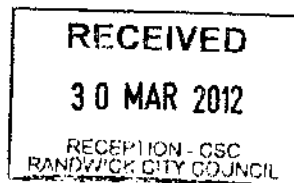
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21 March 2012



[REDACTED]
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Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Submission: Council's Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

My friends and I were very concerned when I heard that Randwick Council is rezoning the land known as the "Chinese Market Gardens" at Matraville to "RU4 Primary Production Small Lots".

I wish to object very strongly to this rezoning proposal when the community is currently facing a shortage of burial space in the local area.

I request the Council to rezone this land to permit the cemetery to expand and the land be used for burial purposes.

This land would be ideal for such a use given it is mainly vacant and located next an existing cemetery.

I hope you will earnestly consider my views and look forward to your reply.

Regards

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Dear Mr Ray Brownlee

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

26 Mar 2012

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

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Regards

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Dear Mr Ray Brownlee

26 Mar 2012

Mr Ray Brownlee
General Manager
Randwick City Council
Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mr Brownlee,

Randwick Draft Comprehensive Local Environment Plan 2012

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Like 1.4 million residents of Sydney, I would like to be buried where members of my family are interred, at Botany Cemetery. I am concerned the proposed Randwick Local Environment Plan does not provide sufficient land for cemeteries.

To address this shortage I would like to request Council rezone the "Chinese Market Gardens" to permit its use as a cemetery. The location of this land next to the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park would make it an ideal expansion of the existing cemetery and minimise impact on local residents.

Should you have any questions in relation to my submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

[Redacted Signature]


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... March 2012

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Regards








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21/3/2012

Mr Ray Brownlee,
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Administration Building
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Yours sincerely,

Mr X

