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Cemetery proposal to go on public exhibition

A proposal to change Campbelltown's planning rules to allow a cemetery at Scenic Hills has passed through the Gateway with conditions and will now be publicly exhibited for community feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment has assessed the planning merits of the proposal and attached important conditions to its decision allowing the proposal to go to exhibition stage.

A spokesperson from the Department said this is not the final determination on Catholic Cemeteries Trust's proposal.

"The Department takes community views into account when making decisions and now it's the public's turn to have a say," the spokesperson said.

"The proposal has passed through the Gateway - a planning checkpoint - which assesses applications to make sure they demonstrate merit at an early stage.

"The applicant will have to address some important conditions before the proposal goes on exhibition next including visual impact and heritage.

"The Department has requested further investigation into heritage significance and asked for a planning requirement to be added to the proposal which addresses the scenic values of the cemetery site.

"The view of the site from the Campbelltown urban area must be considered further and taking the preservation of surrounding rural character into account."

The proposal from Catholic Cemeteries Trust seeks to change the local planning rules at 166-176 St Andrews Rd Varroville to allow a cemetery to be built there.

The independent Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel has been asked to publicly exhibit the proposal as the Relevant Planning Authority.

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