

**MINUTES OF THE SYDNEY WEST REGION  
JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING  
HELD AT PENRITH CITY COUNCIL  
ON THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:**

Bruce McDonald	Acting Chair
Paul Mitchell	Panel Member
Bruce Clarke	Panel Member
Barry Huskings	Panel Member
Ross Fowler	Panel Member

**APOLOGIES:** Mary-Lynne Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Peter Wood	Development Assessment Co-ordinator
Paul Lemm	Development Services Manager
Gurvinder Singh	Senior Environmental Planner

1. The meeting commenced at 6:25pm.
2. Declarations of Interest –  
Barry Husking declared that he used to work with the applicant.

**3. Business Item**

**ITEM 1 - 2012SYW078– Penrith City Council, DA11/1445, Lawn Cemetery and Crematorium, Lot 1 DP 529885, No. 2207-2223 Elizabeth Drive, Luddenham.**

**4. Public Submissions –**

**Addressing the Panel against the proposal –**

- Pauline Rowe – on behalf of Gordon Abnett and the Model Park
- Tugrul Durali – on behalf of poultry growers in the area
- Rita Megale
- Carmen Sciberras
- Ray Lee – on behalf of NSW Farmers Association
- Joanne Spiteri – on behalf of No Cemetery in Luddenham Action Group
- Craig Cavanagh
- Anthony Krilich
- Ann-Maree Cantore

## **Addressing the Panel on behalf of the applicant –**

- Jane Hewitt – Ebsworth Lawyers
- Warwick Stimson – Stimson Consulting
- Paul Bernasconi – Owner

### **5. Panel's Decision**

The Panel unanimously agreed to defer determining the application and require the applicant to submit the following documentation –

- An amended plan of the grave burial sites which complies with all World Health Organisation Criteria and particularly that relating to separation of grave depths from the groundwater table.
- Further information on the future air quality in the locality having regard to the mercury scrubber technology proposed to be installed in the crematorium emissions system.
- A management plan demonstrating that the proposed facility will not pose material risks to the environment (primarily water and air), human health and nearby land uses. The plan is to include provision for monitoring against predicted outcomes and public reporting of performance and monitoring results at specified intervals. That plan is to provide for independent auditing of compliance by relevant expert(s) whose qualifications and experience are to be approved by Council and funded by the facility operator.

The above information is to be provided to Council by close of business on 26 October 2013. If not provided by that time the application will be determined on the basis of the information as now submitted.

In order to enable the matter to be determined at its next meeting scheduled to consider this matter, irrespective of the final recommendation of Council's assessment staff and without prejudice to its final decision, the Panel requires the preparation of draft conditions of consent that would apply should the application be approved.

It is noted that while Panel members Fowler and Huskings have supported the above approach they indicated their favoured position was to support the Officer's recommendation for refusal contained in the Council report considered this evening at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.54 pm

Endorsed by:

Bruce McDonald  
Acting Chair  
Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel  
Date: 30 September 2013