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Sent: Tue, 28 Apr 2020 01:24:30 +1000
To: [REDACTED];Info;Policies
Subject: 20200428 - Anonymous User completed Feedback Form - Draft Cemeteries Policy - [REDACTED]

Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Feedback Form - Draft Policies'

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Please select the Draft Policy you would like to make comment on

Draft Cemeteries Policy

What is your feedback?

Responding to SVC Draft Cemeteries Policy. Section 4.1 (General Provision): "Council is responsible for the....maintenance of cemetery grounds of all public cemeteries in the LGA..." As a member of [REDACTED], I wish to draw attention to the high conservation value of sections of the grounds of both Tumbarumba Cemetery, and Rosewood Cemetery. Rosewood Cemetery contains a representation of the original flora pre- European settlement. The grounds have not been subject to pasture improvement and annually bring forth a vast amount of Golden Moth Orchids, Billy Button daisies (*Craspedia variabilis*), Bullseye lilies (*Wurmbea dioica*) in September-October each year, particularly on the mown sections. The same is true of parts of the Tumbarumba Cemetery, particularly the open area between the Roman Catholic section and Anglican section. This area still has Kangaroo Grass and Windmill Grass as its dominant (native) grass layer, although (non-native) *Paspalum* has begun invading this area in recent years, its seeds being carried on the Council ride-on motor mowers. Rosewood cemetery is a valuable example of Tablelands Snow Gum ecological Community. In addition to those listed above, it contains many native plants which are now locally rare, including *Gompholobium huegelii* (Pale Wedge Pea), *Ajuga australis* (Austral Bugle), several different types of native lilies, daisies, peas, herbs, forbs and orchids. These ground-layer native vegetation have been much impacted elsewhere in the Shire by continuing road-widening and clearing operations (e.g. Coppabella Road Upgrade 2018-19), the continued and ongoing fragmentation of Native habitat within the Snowy valleys Council LGA, the domination of

introduced pasture grasses (e.g. Phalaris), proliferation of unintentionally introduced weed species (e.g. Anthoxanthum odoratum & Pasplum) and general ignorance and disinterest in abiding by/ enforcing State Government legislation regarding protecting endangered ecological areas. Therefore, I am requesting that Council would consider consulting with concerned locals and our nominated representative (e.g. [REDACTED]) to consider the possibility of a vegetation flora survey for the Tumbarumba Cemetery and the Rosewood Cemetery, and the development of a plan of management which would acknowledge the natural heritage values contained in these two Cemeteries. With my thanks for the opportunity to make this submission; Yours sincerely, [REDACTED].

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 28 Apr 2020 16:05:17 +1000
To: Info
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Draft cemeteries policy
Importance: Normal

Good afternoon,

After nearly two weeks of enquiry, I am requesting an extension for public comment of the cemeteries policy SVC-COR-PO-014.

To date I have been unable to obtain the relevant information from council to make comment. I have requested a copy of the current cemetery policy as to make comment relevant to any changes. The SVC web-site does not have this currently available, for the past two weeks at least.

I do wish to make comment on the following aspects of the cemeteries policy.

1. (4.4) Grave reservations. The costs involved with reserving a plot, is this then credited against the costs of interment when made? If not what is the reservation fee actually paying for?
2. (4.7) Monuments. The section saying "*Council shall not be held liable for any damage to headstones or monuments caused by normal wear and tear, ground maintenance or other parties*". We strongly disagree with this statement. Families spend a lot of time and at times money to have memorials designed, manufactured and installed. If an individual, business or council has caused damage to such works, they should be responsible for the repair. This leads to an issue that SVC has with the current version of the memorial application.
3. Memorial works being carried out within SVC cemeteries. "Application for permission to carry our monument". Does this form a part of the SVC cemetery policy?
 - Councils point (4.7) damages to monuments statement. The current application for permission to carry our monumental, asks: As the contracted Mason I confirm that I have: (1) Public Liability Insurance (2) System of safe Works (3) Workers compensation (4) Liability Insurance for all vehicles (5) white card for all workers. This is currently a tick and flick exercise, no proof requested. From this as stated above, if damage does occur, there would be insurance to cover it.

As I believe, from memory only, that what is currently on display for comment is not the full SVC cemeteries policy. There are sections missing. I cannot make full representation for comment on the draft policy until viewing the current.

I await your response...

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 27 April 2020 11:04 AM
To: 'info@svc.nsw.gov.au' <info@svc.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Draft cemeteries policy

Good morning,

We are to make comment on the draft cemeteries policy that submissions are to close by 5pm, 28 April 2020.

I have been on the SVC website to view the current cemetery policy, only to find that along with all other policies and procedures, it is not available. This was two weeks ago and the status remains the same. On the 15th April, following the instructions from this page on SVC website, I contact council on the phone number listed 1300 275 782. I spoke to [REDACTED] who was very polite and helpful but was unable to assist as no one was available from this department. [REDACTED] took my phone number, email address and enquiry and I was assured that either the current policy would be sent to me or someone from council would contact me. As of this morning I have still had no response from council.

I again contacted council this morning and spoke to [REDACTED] at reception. Again the staff was very polite and helpful but was unable to assist as no one was available to help. My only and last option is to write this email as I now have an electronic reference that I am getting nowhere and time is running out fast.

As our local business will and is directly affected by such policies, information regarding them is essential to our continual operation within SVC cemeteries.

Can you please arrange a response to this email and a follow up call from the relevant staff.

Regards

[REDACTED]