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Papakura Local Board Informal Feedback on the Review of Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw and Code of Practice 2015

Background

1. Auckland Council is reviewing the Bylaw and supporting Code, which regulate council owned or operated cemeteries and crematoria.
2. Together the Bylaw and Code establish rules to manage:
 - interment (burial)
 - cremation
 - disinterment
 - built structures (vaults, mausolea and memorials)
 - Wāhi Tapu Māori areas
 - ground maintenance and records.
3. The Bylaw and Code rules mainly apply to operational council cemeteries. Non-operational cemeteries (local parks) are not generally managed by the Code of Practice, except where activities such as ash interments are still occurring.

Papakura Local board provides the following feedback

4. The Papakura Local Board seeks clarification of the rules for non-operational cemeteries. Papakura currently has a cemetery that is technically classified as non-operational however 80 new burial plots have recently been identified for use.
5. That the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw clear and specific about permitted activities at grave sites; such as large family groups sitting on or around grave sites.
6. That the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw be clear and specific about permitted adornment or decoration of headstones or grave sites.
7. That family cultural traditions and customs are considered in all aspects of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw and Code of Practice 2015 review.



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