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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

We control or manage over 50 cemeteries in Auckland, including Manukau Memorial Gardens, North Shore Memorial Park and Waikumete Cemetery.

We have rules to keep our cemeteries and crematoria safe and minimise misuse, obstruction, and damage. They're currently set out in a bylaw, a code of practice made under the bylaw, and operational guidance.

Proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code

We've reviewed the rules in the bylaw and code and have found they're working well, and in general don't need to change. Some rules in the code however are outdated and duplicated by guidance.

We propose **structural** changes to amend the bylaw and to remove (revoke) the code, including to:

- use a bylaw to set cemetery rules in a way that allows cemetery staff to manage the daily operation of council cemeteries and crematoria, and to revoke the code of practice. For example, to move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw. Everything else will be covered in operational guidance
- clarify rules about when council approval is required and about adornments, maintenance, monuments, and preparing a casket for burial and cremation, to better reflect current operational practice
- update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity.

There is no change to the day-to-day use of council cemetery services for families, funeral directors and headstone installers. Rules that are currently in the code will continue to apply (with any updates to reflect current practice), for example about complying with council approval for burial or cremation.

The scope of the review does not include, for example, private cemeteries and urupā, space allocation or capacity, technical matters such as existing agreements and guidelines, or activities outside of council cemeteries and crematoria (for example ash scattering elsewhere).

We want to know what you think

From **20 January 2025** through to **23 February 2025**, we want you to tell us what you think about the proposal to amend the [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014](#) and to revoke the [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014](#).

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