
Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2025

WRITTEN FEEDBACK

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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#1

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Upper Harbour

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

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We propose that the bylaw should:

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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

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Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

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Agree

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#2

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

as the mother of my two boys who are buried at Waiheke Onetangi Lawn Cemetery,

I would like to say that I fully agree with the placement of tidy adornments that do not interfere with the lawn mowing and care of the cemetery..If the gardens and adornment can be mowed around easily then i see no reason for them not to be there.

Adornment of a loved ones resting place ones is a crucial part of the grieving and healing of the ones left behind.

Specific adornments and plants may mean something special to the friends and family and if they are not dangerous or out of hand then surely they should be respected and left.

Having a garden (within the boundries) is very special to me as it is new life growth and a means of touching and tending and feeling a sense of physical care for my boys..

It is a restful place to visit and just to be and with the different adornments on other graves gives a feeling of love.

Most of the gravesites are visited and attended.

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Agree

Tell us why

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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#3

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Organisation (if applicable):

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

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Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

I agree, however when a family can no longer maintain a plot because of age, expense or there isn't any family local or left, who will continue to look after the plot? If a person or organisation stands up to maintain forgotten and unmaintained graves and follows set training and guidelines they should be supported by council to help keep a cemetery safe.

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

As long as this doesn't restrict individuals or groups cleaning or doing general maintenance or Remembrance of a person or plot.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

I agree some bylaws need updating to stay compliant with safety and commonsense. As long as family, friends and groups who genuinely care, are aloud to find, clear, clean, maintain to a basic level following set practices, and are aloud to honour and remember the person and their service. This includes RSA's placing Poppies on service graves before ANZAC and Remberance days, and Poppies on known unmarked service members grave stones or stones remembering those killed during service to New Zealand.

We Will Remember Them.

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

I think this is barbaric! At our local cemetery there are flowers and gifts all year round (28 days!!!!) beautiful gardens, sculptures and tributes.

This certainly does change the day-to-day experience!

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We propose to clarify that adornments:

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- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

Families should be given the opportunity to decorate the resting place for their loved ones, as long as it is looked after and maintained by the family themselves

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

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- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#6

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

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There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

I really think there should be a cafe or somewhere to get coffee and a snack at the cemeteries. I thought that last time I was visiting, especially the large cemeteries like the New Lynn, Henderson one.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#7

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

It's not clear what you are revoking

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

It's not clear what you are revoking

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Because otherwise the cemetery get dominated by "excessive adornment encroachments" on peaceful space - this is considered disrespectful in some cultures- therefore the rules are there for fairness to all. If those wish such displays they need to do it within the allotment boundaries they have paid for.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

As above - cemeteries should not feel like a \$2 shop .

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Because that is fair and safe

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

What is clause 23 ?

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

Rules need to be enforced so our cemeteries remain tidy , spiritual places of repose - as mentioned not feel like a \$2 shop

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#8

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Albert-Eden

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Less government is better.

Government just gets in the way of people trying to do things, and it costs the working family.

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

We want only democratically elected Council members representing us.

No unelected Council members please.

And no racially or ethnically based payments.

Thanks.

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Kaipātiki

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Agree

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Common sense really....

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
- remove repetition, duplication of legislation, and internal operational matters, for example about the exclusive right of burial; enforcement powers to remove and repair monuments and remove adornments; record-keeping; and cutting and removing vegetation
- make minor wording clarifications, including to update the bylaw purpose to reflect the objectives identified in the bylaw review (clause 22); update the bylaw application to align with wording in legislation about council controlled or managed cemeteries (clause 21); and update references to making and complying with a control not a code (clauses 4 and 10)
- move references to Wāhi Tapu Māori Komiti to the related information note under the definition of council, to reflect that Komiti are a delegated authority (clause 23)
- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

no idea what "Wahi Tapu" is or says presently. Pardon my ignorance as a senior Newzealander.

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#10

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
- include an 'approval framework' that clarifies that:
 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

I don't know enough to make an informed decision sorry.

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

I don't know enough to make an informed decision sorry.

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing

- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

The rules are sensible and fair.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

It is not totally clear how much you are expecting. Family of the deceased may move away or age to much for much maintenance. If a headstone is vandalised and they are not around or cannot afford to fix it, they should not be penalised.

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

That is sensible.

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

That is sensible and fair.

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

I don't understand the bullet point with maori words so am not sure what is meant there.

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#11

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Devonport-Takapuna

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

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- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#12

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Seems logical to simplify rules

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Seems logical to simplify rules

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

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- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing

- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

For children particularly to remove items that could be hazardous for them..

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Is there a contact system for future generations to take some responsibility for the condition of their forebears?

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Safety reasons and potential future contamination.

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

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We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

Seems to me there are always people about so this might be hard to do.

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Less chances for information to be contradictive.

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

To make e. g. Manukau Memorial Gardens as a park is a great idea BUT no alcohol gatherings need to be enforced. With both parents resting there my family finds it very disrespectful to see and hear groups partying, sometimes angry voices and urination in random spots. Noted near the RSA Memorial.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#13

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

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- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Sensible and practical and focusing on shared use for all, with safety specifically important

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Thought this had always been so.

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Clarity is good

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Sounds good

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

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- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Yes, yes. Great.

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#14

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
- include an 'approval framework' that clarifies that:
 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

Some recent news articles indicate that our rules are not adequately reflecting the functions of a cemetery, which includes honoring the dead, providing a place of memorial, and serving as a comforting space for mourners. Much of cemeteries are emotionally dead spaces where few come to mourn their dead - keeping those forgotten graves "tidy" at the expense of those who are currently mourning their dead, fails to recognise the intrinsic purpose for public cemeteries. Much of the mowing, for example, is around gravesites of long dead, long forgotten people - and ease of mowing comes at the expense of those currently mourning. I suggest all councils move to a "lease" arrangement of plots, rather than a "purchase" arrangement. This would free up land that is no longer required for honoring, mourning and memorial by the living, and create larger spaces for those currently doing that.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

Again, this should reflect all the people who may need to mourn their dead by constructing monuments. While they must meet safety standards, they must not be overly restrictive and prescribe to monotonous bland monocultural ideas and descriptions of what

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
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with wording in legislation about council controlled or managed cemeteries (clause 21); and update references to making and complying with a control not a code (clauses 4 and 10)

- move references to Wāhi Tapu Māori Komiti to the related information note under the definition of council, to reflect that Komiti are a delegated authority (clause 23)
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- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

Change to a "lease" arrangement of plots, not a "purchase into perpetuity" arrangement of burial plots. We shouldn't have public land taken up by plots over dead bodies of those who have died tens or hundreds of years ago - causing more valuable land to be found, and graves to be pushed further away from peoples day to day lives. Once a lease is not renewed, then it's obviously not important to those living any more, so the land should be freed up for others. Lease costs should cover the eventual disinterment and cremation and storage/plaque of the remains. The costs to maintain graves/memorial sites of significant individuals could be taken over by council, government or other interested party.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#15

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōtara-Papatoetoe

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

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- must not include railing or fencing
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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

Agree with most but families tend to have railings/fencing to protect their loved ones plot from others sitting on top of their grave. Are there options for them to do so providing the surrounding area is maintained?

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#16

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waiheke

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

'simplifying the regulatory framework' seems fine.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

I live on Waiheke Island, and the cemetery there operates perfectly well without overly draconian rules. People should be allowed to decorate graves the way they want to, for many reasons.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

My mother is buried at the Waiheke Cemetery. I would naturally be very upset if I had to take away her headstone (which is cube shaped) or the sculpture which she made. (Which is resting on the cube). I always enjoy seeing the ways family have decorated their loved one's grave. It would be awful if Waiheke lost what makes this lovely cemetery so special.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#17

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Too much red tape already

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

I'm tired of the mess left in the streets after a bad storm with plastic flowers and those stupid plastic flower windmill things - plastic is horrid, live plants/flowers or more money spent on the headstone would be much more appropriate to honour a loved one for years to come.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Agree, if you want a monstrosity it is your responsibility to maintain it in perpetuity - perhaps a bond should be required - I wouldn't be thrilled to have a 10ft tall marble angel fall on me.

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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Agree

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

Disagree - there are all sorts of reasons that someone from another culture might disagree with a culturally acceptable/NZ normal monuments such as an angel or a likeness of Jesus or a taniwha etc mainly due to them having a different religion. I think th

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Administrative wording & layout that doesn't affect day to day interaction is of no relevance unless the wording fundamentally alters day to day interaction and then it should be explained

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

I would like to know when you will be putting in ponds/moving water options to enable foreigners to scatter their ashes in a culturally sensitive way for them that doesn't completely disrespect Te Iwi Maori and the majority of NZ beliefs. Or perhaps that is a bylaw regarding trash in the waterways? Not sure but I was told that some cultures place their deceased ashes in the river/lake so I would prefer that option be available at the cemeteries rather than at the local beach/swimming hole/shellfish collection area.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#18

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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 - applications can be granted or declined
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

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- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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- make minor wording clarifications, including to update the bylaw purpose to reflect the objectives identified in the bylaw review (clause 22); update the bylaw application to align with wording in legislation about council controlled or managed cemeteries (clause 21); and update references to making and complying with a control not a code (clauses 4 and 10)
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- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

I don't know

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#19

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Henderson-Massey

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

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Tell us why

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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#20

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Howick

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#21

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

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There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

Agree in the main.

Want to be able to place plastic flowers/wreaths on family graves - we change these from time to time when they fade out. Will plastic flowers be regarded as environmental litter?

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

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Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#22

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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Having two documents to refer to (esp in times of grief and/or stress) is more difficult than having just the one. I think the streamlining is a good thing.

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

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Tell us why

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

While avoiding glass and ceramics makes sense so other visitors don't get hurt, it seems an oversight to not include hard plastics as well, as a breakage could also result in shards that could cut. Especially since plastics degrade in the sun, becoming more fragile and brittle as time passes. In fact, if left out in the weather for a year, glass will still break with a clean edge, slicing skin but not getting stuck in it, whereas a degraded plastic shard would potentially leave "shrapnel" in the wound.

Also, for clarity, stating suitable materials for holding flowers would be helpful. Wood, metal, woven basket, fabric, etc.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

What happens when no one owns the plot because they're all dead?

From personal experience, what happens when you're the last one in your family line but did not have a relationship with the deceased?

Will people inherit ownership of plots, and will they be asked for consent before the burden is passed to them? eg. What if a child was abused by a parent, emancipated, and then retraumatized by becoming responsible for their abuser after their death?

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Agree with the sentiment, but examples needed. What level of harmful are you meaning? Swords? Radioactive material? Nazi flags? Porn? Fireworks? Popcorn kernels? Stinkbombs? Plastic?

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Sounds clearer.

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
- remove repetition, duplication of legislation, and internal operational matters, for example about the exclusive right of burial; enforcement powers to remove and repair monuments and remove adornments; record-keeping; and cutting and removing vegetation
- make minor wording clarifications, including to update the bylaw purpose to reflect the objectives identified in the bylaw review (clause 22); update the bylaw application to align with wording in legislation about council controlled or managed cemeteries (clause 21); and update references to making and complying with a control not a code (clauses 4 and 10)
- move references to Wāhi Tapu Māori Komiti to the related information note under the definition of council, to reflect that Komiti are a delegated authority (clause 23)
- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Assuming the removed words aren't just all the te reo words?

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

Nah, all good.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#23

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Papakura

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
- include an 'approval framework' that clarifies that:
 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

decorations at cemeteries are getting out of control with people driving their cars and having shrines there. They drive over other families' areas. please ban cars and drinking

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#24

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Waitematā

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

makes sense

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

makes sense

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

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- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing

- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

this is obviously necessary but I think it should go further and state that adornments cant encroach on neighbouring graves/plots. Also- someone needs to enforce this rule as it isnt currently.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

just the right thing to do

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
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- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

more enforcement as currently graves are untidy with lots of adornments which seem to stay there all the time and are all over the place.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#25

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
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 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Other

Tell us why

People should be allowed to bring and leave biodegradable flowers and leave them on plotting. The council should be able to remove them when they are no longer fresh.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
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We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#26

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Franklin

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

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We propose that the bylaw should:

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

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We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

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This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

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3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

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- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Can we see these rules followed please.

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

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- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

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What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

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- make minor wording clarifications, including to update the bylaw purpose to reflect the objectives identified in the bylaw review (clause 22); update the bylaw application to align with wording in legislation about council controlled or managed cemeteries (clause 21); and update references to making and complying with a control not a code (clauses 4 and 10)
- move references to Wāhi Tapu Māori Komiti to the related information note under the definition of council, to reflect that Komiti are a delegated authority (clause 23)
- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#27

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Ōrākei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
- include an 'approval framework' that clarifies that:
 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Disagree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
- remove repetition, duplication of legislation, and internal operational matters, for example about the exclusive right of burial; enforcement powers to remove and repair monuments and remove adornments; record-keeping; and cutting and removing vegetation
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- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#28

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Appears to simplify the administration and provide greater clarity

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Appears to simplify the administration and provide greater clarity

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing

- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Simplifies administration and maintenance

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Clear direction in one document

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Safety first

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

Simplification and clarity

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
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- move references to Wāhi Tapu Māori Komiti to the related information note under the definition of council, to reflect that Komiti are a delegated authority (clause 23)
- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

The entirety of all documents should be published in each official language. There should be no Maori words in the English edition and no English words in the Maori edition. The two editions must be completely true translations of each other. Anything less is tokenism.



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#29

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Hibiscus and Bays

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
- must not inhibit maintenance or operational activities (for example, access for lawn mowing or other burials)
- must not interfere with an accessible path of travel for cemetery users
- must not include breakable materials (for example, glass or ceramic vases)
- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

- a casket or shroud for cremation does not contain materials or items that may cause damage to property (for example, to the cremator) or cause or are likely to cause a safety risk to any person
- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
- withdraw from physical works if the work is likely to cause an interference to any person in their use or enjoyment of the cemetery, or at the direction of council.

We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
- move administrative clauses to the end of the bylaw, about the bylaw title, commencement, application, purpose, and interpretation (Part 5)
- remove repetition, duplication of legislation, and internal operational matters, for example about the exclusive right of burial; enforcement powers to remove and repair monuments and remove adornments; record-keeping; and cutting and removing vegetation
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- clarify definitions, and remove definitions of terms that are not in the bylaw or are in legislation (clause 23)
- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

- 5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?**

Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#30

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Rodney

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

- may be placed on a plot for up to 28 days following a burial in that plot, or on a concrete berm at the plot at any time. Exceptions apply if council has given prior approval, and for decorated areas established by the former legacy Auckland councils (areas that allow permanent adornments on plots. This is no longer council's approach).
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- must not include materials that may cause litter or damage to the environment
- must not include railing or fencing
- are only limited in number by the space available on the plot or the concrete berm.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3B. Clarify rules about maintenance (clause 6)

We want to clarify the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain any monument, vault, or mausoleum associated with the plot. For example:

- to keep them in good order and repair, safe and secure, and in a condition that does not inhibit regular maintenance
- that council maintains the structures of public mausolea which are owned by council.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3C. Clarify rules about preparing a casket or shroud for burial and cremation (clause 7)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who prepares a casket or shroud for burial or cremation (for example, a funeral director on behalf of a family). These include to ensure:

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- a casket for interment in a mausoleum is hermetically sealed and a body prepared as required in any relevant council exclusive right of burial agreement
- compliance with any other requirements set out in any control made or approval granted by the council.

There are no clarifications to rules for natural burial areas, which remain the same.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3D. Clarify rules about monument work and physical works (clauses 8 and 9)

We want to clarify the responsibilities of a person who installs, modifies, or removes a monument, or does physical works. These include to:

- comply with the current New Zealand Standard (NZS) for headstones and cemetery monuments
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We have moved references to council health and safety requirements for monumental installers to a related information note (this is addressed through the monument approval process).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

4. Update the bylaw structure, definitions and wording for clarity

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with, align with best practice bylaw drafting standards, and clarify the rules to reflect current operational practice.

We propose to:

- update related information notes and link to further information on the council website
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- enable decisions under the bylaw and code prior to amendments to continue (Part 4).

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

5. Do you have any other feedback on the proposal to amend the bylaw and revoke (remove) the code about council cemeteries and crematoria?

All changes make sense



Proposed updates to the council cemetery and crematorium bylaw

#31

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Submitter details:

Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Orakei

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. Clarify when council approval is required (clause 5 and Subpart 2)

We want to clarify when council approval is required and how council makes approval decisions.

We propose that the bylaw should:

- clarify that approval is required for burial, cremation, monuments, vaults, mausolea, ash scattering, disinterment, and vegetation at council cemeteries and crematoria. For example, to install, modify, or remove a headstone.
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 - applications must be made in a way required by council (for example, in form and manner)
 - council considers applications against relevant matters
 - applications can be granted or declined
 - council can set conditions for approvals granted.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

2. Amend the bylaw and remove the code

Some rules in the code are duplicated by operational guidance.

We want to simplify the regulatory framework by removing an unneeded layer of regulation.

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

- move key rules that are currently covered in the code to the bylaw.
- cover other rules in the code in operational guidance, like existing agreements and the council website. These rules are still made under the bylaw approval framework. For example, detailed rules about complying with council approval, such as items that cannot be cremated.

This proposal does not change the public's day-to-day experience at council cemeteries.

What is your opinion of this proposal?

Agree

Tell us why

3. Clarify rules to better reflect current operational practice

Some rules in the code are outdated.

We want to make the rules easier to understand and comply with.

We propose to clarify the rules to better reflect current operational practice. These rules will be in the bylaw, not a code.

3A. Clarify rules about adornments (clauses 1 and 2)

We want to clarify rules about placing adornments at graves (for example, flowers).

We propose to clarify that adornments:

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Agree

Tell us why

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Seems procedural - seeks to get alignment with current council rules/reqs

I work as an 'end of life' celebrant' while I am not involved indecision making around some/most of these matters as funeral directors need to be- it is helpful if the policies and processes are clearly defined out for people online, easy to understand, showing respect for cultural differences/expectations. Thank you

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Submissions

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Appendix 1 sets out feedback given to the council regarding alcohol consumption.

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Appendix 1

Whanganui feedback - alcohol consumption

from <https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/consultations/cemeteriesand-crematoria-bylaw-review/2023-cemeteries-and-crematoria-review-hearingvolume-of-submissions.pdf>

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I understand that people mourn for their loved ones in different ways . For the Council to allow the absolute rubbish put on or around Headstones is beyond my comprehension and that includes FULL bottles of Beer and Wine. My Sister and

Brother in Law were buried in the new area three and four years ago. I visit the Cemetery almost every week. There have been many times that young children are seen on their bikes riding in the Cemetery grounds while there has been bottles of liquor at some of the Headstones for the taking. Why is this OK ?? There should be more control over what is left at the Cemetery! My Mother is in the old Catholic area, buried in 1978, that whole area is so different to what is happening in the new areas simply because it has been allowed to happen with visually no regulations or control. I submit that there should be more control over what is allowed at the Headstones. Some people's memories soon become rubbish with neglect and Alcohol of any type should not be able to be left or consumed in the Cemetery. All alcohol should be banned from this sacred place. Our Cemetery is becoming a talking point and joke to relatives from both within New Zealand and Overseas.

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3-

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4- No one drinks in moderation at the cemetery. Most people do not drink there at all, but those who do behave like idiots without fail. There is no good that comes of allowing this

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8- I don't think a cemetery is the place to drink alcohol at all. Better to ban it and prevent anything happening.

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Some of these priority areas are very close to local cemeteries and parks, with the Glen Eden and Papakura areas overlapping with cemeteries.

We submit that this, alongside the fact that very similar activities occur in

Additionally, the precedent of the previous Whanganui District Council Cemeteries and Crematorium Bylaw 2016, banning alcohol consumption within the graveyards. While this has since been repealed, we submit that there is merit in the provision, based on the submissions given by the public regarding these issues.

Appendix 1 sets out feedback given to the council regarding alcohol consumption.

While the repeal was given on the reasons set below, We also submit that the best way to prevent harm within cemeteries as well as litter and disorderly behaviour is to prevent the consumption entirely, while providing a limited allowance on application for consumption for ceremonial or symbolic reasons, to allow for the deceased’s mourners to mourn in ways they see fit. This would serve as a balance to fit the need to prevent alcohol harm from occurring, as well as allowing mourners to properly grieve the deceased, with symbolic consumption of alcohol if need be.

Whanganui Council on Alcohol - The council does not intend to manage how people grieve or memorialise, however consumption of alcohol can lead to disruptive behaviour, litter, and safety issues if glass bottles are left behind. In some cases, restricting consumption of alcohol is a reliable way of minimising the secondary issues that follow on from it. In this case, our recommendation is that we only regulate the secondary issues – the disruptive behaviour and waste – rather than consumption of alcohol itself. (<https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-Your-Say/Consultations/Cemeteries-and-Crematoria-Bylaw-review>)

Appendix 1

Whanganui feedback - alcohol consumption

from <https://www.whanganui.govt.nz/files/assets/public/v/1/consultations/cemeteries-and-crematoria-bylaw-review/2023-cemeteries-and-crematoria-review-hearing-volume-of-submissions.pdf>

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I understand that people mourn for their loved ones in different ways . For the Council to allow the absolute rubbish put on or around Headstones is beyond my comprehension and that includes FULL bottles of Beer and Wine. My Sister and Brother in Law were buried in the new area three and four years ago. I visit the Cemetery almost every week. There have been many times that young children are seen on their bikes riding in the Cemetery grounds while there has been bottles of liquor at some of the Headstones for the taking. Why is this OK ?? There should be more control over what is left at the Cemetery! My Mother is in the old Catholic area, buried in 1978, that whole area is so different to what is happening in the new areas simply because it has been allowed to happen with visually no regulations or control. I submit that there should be more control over what is allowed at the Headstones. Some people's memories soon become rubbish with neglect and Alcohol of any type should not be able to be left or consumed in the Cemetery. All alcohol should be banned from this sacred place. Our Cemetery is becoming a talking point and joke to relatives from both within New Zealand and Overseas.

2- As i live down the road from the cemetary I disagree that alcohol should be allowed. There have been many occasions where there has been some disruption after a funeral and drinking is taking place. They then get into their cars and do burnouts through the cemetary and then out onto the road. It is disruptibe to many including myself as I have a special needs child and it is very frightening for him

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It is not the place for drinking alcohol. Think about the others that visit the cemetery. Drinking alcohol at such a place is a disruptive behaviour.

4- No one drinks in moderation at the cemetery. Most people do not drink there at all, but those who do behave like idiots without fail. There is no good that comes of allowing this

5- Respect is absent from much of society .I believe disruptive behaviour such as racing,skidding cars must be prohibited.

6- Alcohol should not be consumed in a cemetery

7- Disruptive behaviour resulting from excessive alcohol could result in damage to other memorial monuments and adornments. We agree alcohol should be consumed in a controlled and respectful way.

8- I don't think a cemetery is the place to drink alcohol at all. Better to ban it and prevent anything happening.

9 - The Council has implemented liquor bans throughout the Whanganui CBD and park areas to minimise the antisocial behaviour that comes from having drunk people in public spaces. We don't want drunk people leaving broken glass where children play, so there's liquor restrictions at Kowhai Park. I think it's non-controversial to believe that most of the community does not want drunk people being disruptive around mourning families/those seeking quiet or glass smashed around headstones. I can appreciate the Council hesitating to be seen to manage how people grieve/memorialise, but when those practices negatively impact others (and impacts most of the priority principles identified by the advisory group) the Council needs to set a community standard. Some people will still drink at the cemetery regardless of a liquor ban, but having a liquor in place may curb some of the behaviour and signal how the majority of the community wants to respect and honour our past.

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