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## CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA REGULATIONS

The NSW Government is seeking public comment on draft regulations that establish a simplified and consistent regime of interment rights for the industry and consumers.

Draft regulations and a Better Regulation Statement for the proclamation of Part 4 of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 have been released, CEO for Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Sarah Lees has announced.

“There are more than 230 cemetery and crematorium operators in NSW providing interment services at 851 active cemeteries and 49 crematoria,” she said.

“They provide essential services to the people of NSW, and these services must remain accessible, affordable and sustainable.”

Among the reforms proposed is the establishment of a consistent, voluntary renewable interment policy allowing people the option to buy a burial plot for between 25 and 99 years, after which time the plot can be re-used.

“Existing perpetual interment rights will be protected and consumers will continue to have access to their choice of burial options,” Ms Lees said.

“It will ensure all communities are provided with access to dignified and respectful interment services, in accordance with their cultural and religious preferences.”

The Part 4 regulations are scheduled to come into effect in early 2018, with consultation open until Friday 22 December.

More information at <http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au>