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Dear Ms Briggs-Weatherill

I would like to thank your colleagues at the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust for working with my team on the preparation of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the proposed increase in fees for Right of Interment products, such as graves, monuments and mausoleums.

As you know, the former Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission's role under Section 10 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* was to provide independent advice on the adequacy of analysis presented in all RISs in Victoria. This assessment role has now been assigned to me, as the recently appointed Commissioner for Better Regulation.

It is important to emphasise that the Commissioner's role under the Act is not to provide a view on the merits of any policy or regulatory change as such; my role is to advise only on the adequacy or otherwise of a RIS. To be adequate, a RIS must be logical, draw on relevant evidence, be transparent about any assumptions made, and be proportionate to the proposal's expected effects. It also needs to be suitable as a basis for public consultation.

I am pleased to advise you that the final version of the RIS received by us on 26 October 2015 meets the requirements of the Act in terms of adequacy.

To ensure transparency, it is government policy that this letter be published when you release the RIS for public consultation.

The consultation step is important to enable public participation in the policy development process. New options or information identified through this process may influence your analysis and recommendations. Should you wish to discuss any such changes with us, please don't hesitate to contact me on (03) 9092 5800.

Yours sincerely

Anna Cronin
Commissioner for Better Regulation

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