

Randwick Council CP-10/17

Botany Cemetery Expansion Proposal

The Cemetery Trust is asking Council for council support in rezoning the western headland of Yarra Bay beach from open space to cemetery use for burials.

This large parcel of land is contiguous with Bicentennial Park and has always been earmarked as part of the Park. It has the highest local point and has commanding views of all of Botany Bay from the Airport 270 degrees to the east end of Yarra Bay beach including the ocean between the Botany Bay headlands .It is of prime recreational and lifestyle value as a park.

It would be by far the best part of Bicentennial Park. In the light of ever increasing unit developments in the City this parcel of land must be kept for the living community not be used to cater for the dead.

There are also colonial and WW2 fortifications on the highest point which were serviced by Military Rd which was a colonial cobblestone road. These uses negate Land Claims. An archaeological study should be undertaken before any further consideration of use for the land.

Council had previously stated it would consider its position in giving its support to the headland rezoning proposal if the Cemetery Trust gave up its lease on land used by the Chinese market gardens.

Although the Trust may have applied to relinquish its lease on the Chinese Market Garden land the Trust in fact still holds that lease and will do so until the State Government makes up its mind on its future use. Council is therefore under no obligation to give its support to the headland rezoning proposal. Council should therefore withhold its consideration for support for rezoning the headland until the Market Garden land is actually rezoned for agricultural use.

Council should reject the Trust's request for Council support for rezoning of the land for cemetery use.

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