

Attachment D: Summary of Late Submissions re Natural Burials

Sub #	First name	Surname	Agree/Disagree	Appear	Summary of comment(s)
#1	Maggie	Lawton	Neutral	Yes	a. Request for recognition of natural burials in QLDC cemeteries
					b. Family would like currently proposed natural burial area in Wanaka Cemetery to become an official 'uncertified' natural burial area
					c. Recommend other district cemeteries provide a natural burial option
					d. Requests that the newly proposed cemeteries handbook recognise natural burials e.g. under 'definitions'
					e. Council to provide for this option through the 17/18 annual plan
					f. Put resources (time and money) into developing a natural burial process
					g. Provide natural burial information on QLDC website
					h. Include other 'certified' and 'uncertified' natural burial options
#2	Bob	Lawton	Neutral	No	a. Support suggestions put forward by Maggie Lawton (submitter #1)
					b. Comment advising on unideal timeframe for consultation on this matter
#3	Jennifer	Rumore	Neutral	No	a. Submission in favour of natural burial sites
					b. Comment noting holiday timeframe is not ideal for consultation on this matter
					c. Supporting environmental aspect in relation to the natural burial option
#4	Katrine	Gellatly	Neutral	No	a. Request for recognition of natural burials in QLDC cemeteries
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#5	Lisa	Johnson	Neutral	No	a. Request for recognition of natural burials in QLDC cemeteries
	Greg	Inwood	Neutral	No	b. Support suggestions put forward by Maggie Lawton (submitter #1)
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#6	Rachel	Brown	Neutral	No	a. Request for recognition of natural burials in QLDC cemeteries
					b. Request a process and procedure be added to the proposed Bylaw and Handbook re natural burials
					c. Request project included in 17/18 Annual Plan

General Officer Comment in Response to Late Submissions

Six late submissions were received more than two weeks after the consultation period closed. It was recommended to the hearing panel that all late submissions be acknowledged but not accepted. During the meeting to consider the submissions staff also recommended to the hearing panel that Council look at allocating funding in the 2017/18 annual plan to investigate offering a natural burial option in the district.

By allocating funding, this will allow Council to carry out the necessary investigation in order to adopt best practice and ensure certified compliance with 'Natural Burials NZ' rather than 'uncertified'.

The persons who made submissions on time withdrew their original requests to speak at a hearing and for this reason a hearing was not required or arranged. Although some of the late submissions requested a hearing, the panel accepted the staff recommendation that the request not be accepted because of the lateness of these submissions.