

Motion for Exemption of Full Grave Monument for [REDACTED]

To: Merredin Shire Council

From: Cr Billing

Date: 07/07/2024

Subject: Request for Exemption of Full Grave Monument for [REDACTED] at Merredin Public Cemetery

Motion:

I, Cr Billing, move that the Merredin Shire Council grant an exemption to the current cemetery regulations to allow a full grave monument to be installed at plot 71 Section B for the late [REDACTED].

Background:

1. [REDACTED], born in [REDACTED] in Merredin, was a lifelong resident and one of the longest residing members of the Merredin community. in
2. [REDACTED] passed away on the [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] purchased the right to burial in plot 71 Section B on the 27th of February, 2002, alongside her husband, with the understanding that she could have a full grave monument.
4. Recent council regulations now prohibit full grave monuments in the cemetery where plot 71 Section B is situated.
5. [REDACTED] family had already made arrangements to order her monument before being informed of the new regulations.
6. This motion seeks to honour [REDACTED] wishes and to provide her with the respect she deserves.

Justification:

1. [REDACTED] exceptional status as a lifelong resident and respected member of the Merredin community warrants special consideration.
2. The plot was purchased with the belief and understanding that a full grave monument would be permissible.
3. The council's decision to disallow full grave monuments was made after arrangements for [REDACTED] monument had been initiated.
4. Granting this exemption would align with the family's expectations and the understanding they had when purchasing the plot.

Request:

I respectfully request that the council:

1. Reconsider and provide an exemption to the current cemetery regulations for plot 71 Section B.
2. Allow the installation of a full grave monument in honour of [REDACTED] thereby respecting her and her family's wishes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Kind Regards,
Cr Billing