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Dear Sirs

We support the proposed licensing scheme including the consultation of relevant residents and district councils on the establishment of new, and expansion and management of existing columbaria.

I have raised a concern at the Southern District Council meeting that the mandatory maintenance fund – if not well invested – may need topping over time and that a minimum level must be specified.

The main concern is the exemption of existing cemeteries, and the fact that existing regulation of cemeteries, lands and planning does not ensure public consultation and opportunities for comments when expansion of niches and new structures are considered.

We urge to the authority to either ensure thorough public consultation under the proposed scheme, or to amend the established procedures for expansion under other regulations.

Yours

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