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**Subject:** Invitation to CCNSW consultation on development of code of practice for burials and cremations -Hindu  
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Dear community leaders

Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW (CCNSW), the regulator of the cemeteries and crematoria sector in NSW, is looking to develop a code of practice into faith and cultural requirements for burials and cremations. Multicultural NSW is supporting CCNSW on this project.

A recent review of the legislation governing the interment industry handed down various recommendations, including the development of a code of practice to ensure requirements of faith and cultural groups in NSW are met. A copy of the review report is available at: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/cemeteries-crematoria/review-of-nsw-cemeteries-and-crematoria-act> While there is no government response to the Review as yet, CCNSW and MNSW are keen to explore these issues in more detail.

We understand that practices around interment of loved ones are of critical cultural significance and observance of requirements is of the utmost importance to communities of faith. CCNSW is therefore currently talking with communities and operators about burial and cremation requirements and is looking to hear about the experiences and concerns of communities in NSW currently, to inform policy development toward a code of practice.

In the first stage of this consultation CCNSW is working with MNSW to hold a series of meetings to hear from community and religious leaders on this important subject area and to this end we invite you to meet along with other representatives on **Thursday, 6 May 2021 from 10:00am – 11:15am.**

In this meeting CCNSW would like to hear from you about what you view to be important principles for how cemetery and crematoria operators should meet faith and cultural requirements and what are the key community-specific issues or barriers your communities are facing when burying and cremating in NSW.

We would appreciate if you could please respond directly by *26 April 2021*, to Mr Alexander Chidzey, Principal Policy and Project Manager at CCNSW as to your availability or unavailability to attend, and if you wish to discuss this matter, you are welcome to call Alex on 0439 726 191 or email [alexander.chidzey@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alexander.chidzey@dpie.nsw.gov.au) .

These targeted conversations are the first of a number of opportunities over the next few months, in which CCNSW hopes for the views of communities to be raised. If you are unable to attend but are interested in sharing views on behalf of your community, please feel free to delegate attendance to another community representative or get in touch with Alex at your earliest convenience to discuss alternative opportunities.

Kind Regards,

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