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Mr David Harley AM
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Dear Mr Harley *David,*

Thank you for the Trust's 2 September 2013 letter forwarding the draft Plan of Management of Rookwood with revisions after public display and analysis of submissions.

The Plan provides a strong focus on sustainability. It provides for continued sustainable use of Rookwood for burials and cremations, ensures that the environment and heritage of the site will be preserved, and supports respect for the religious and cultural beliefs of all communities.

The annexed Management Units Policy document provides clear guidance for the work to be undertaken in each of Rookwood's 24 management units. This innovative approach, enabling regular updates of supporting documents and policies, is endorsed. The approach will ensure a longer life for this Plan.

As you would be aware, the Plan has been further amended to align with the repeal of existing cemetery renewal provisions by the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013*.

Accordingly, the Deputy Premier and I are pleased to adopt the Plan of Management pursuant to s114 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. The Management Unit Policy document may be regarded as a supporting document able to be amended from time to time with the approval of the Rookwood Necropolis Trust, the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust and the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust.

Rookwood is one of the most significant parcels of Crown land in NSW. Adoption of this Plan of Management is another plank in the Cemetery Reform process and reflects the efforts of many committed people from the former and current Rookwood Necropolis Trust and denominational trusts. Please convey my thanks for the enormous contribution they have made to the future of Rookwood.

I wish all the trusts well with implementation of the Plan and commend you on this significant milestone.

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I have asked that John Filocamo be available to discuss this matter further with you.
Mr Filocamo may be contacted on 8836 5313.

Yours sincerely

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