



# CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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## **NSW Government tax on burials and cremations**

The Central Darling Shire Council Administrator, Bob Stewart, will be writing to the NSW Premier, Chris Minns, and Minister for Lands and Property, Stephen Kamper, asking that they urgently reverse their decision to impose a new tax on burials and cremations in NSW.

The New South Wales Government has introduced new fees under the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013. It means that there is now a new levy on cremation, ash internment and burials. There are also new maintenance requirements for all Council cemeteries.

At the June Council meeting the Council adopted the new fees and charges because it is a statutory levy and required under legislation. However, the Administrator will be making Council's objections known.

In a report to Council about the matter it was noted that from 1 July 2024 the proposed levy charges are:

- Crematoria charge \$41
- Ash internment charge \$63
- Burial charge \$156

As part of the changes the NSW government is imposing new requirements and conditions on all NSW Cemeteries and Crematoria, which the operators must comply with, to maintain the cemetery operator licence. Council staff are seeking further information on this because it could cost Council more money to meet these requirements.

Council is in the process of having its operator licence renewed for the following facilities/cemeteries: Ivanhoe, Menindee, Mossgeil, White Cliffs, White Cliffs Historic Cemetery, Wilcannia and Killara.

Council understands that the levy is to be collected by the operator (Central Darling Shire Council) and paid to Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW on a quarterly or annual basis.

Council staff will be attending an information session to find out how the new charges will be managed. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday 18 July. Ends

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