

An Urgent Request from Riverstone Muslim Cemetery Board

As you must be aware we are fast running out of burial ground in Sydney. Riverstone Muslim Cemetery is the only burial place for Muslims in Sydney. Situated on a one-acre land within Riverstone Cemetery, it has about 1000 burial plots. Till 14th May, more than 200 burials have

been made. Every week, 6 to 8 burials are happening and trend is on the rise as plots become more and more scarce by the day.

Now it's time, we should plan for establishing a cemetery exclusively for Muslims so that it can be ready for burial before the existing one runs out of plots. A possible option is to establish the Cemetery in and around Blacktown and Hills area with Prayer and Washing facilities within the Cemetery compound. Please note that, as per 2006 Census, Blacktown council has a Muslim population of 12000+ and Baulkham Hills council has 5000+.

The department of Lands is organising a community consultation on the 4th of June 2008 re: Sustainable burials in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Area. Riverstone Muslim Cemetery Board would like to present our case to the concerned authority in the meeting for which the board seeks your assistance in soliciting support through signatures on the attached petition.

Every member of the community is hereby requested to make a copy of the blank form and get it signed by his family members and friends and post it to the address given in the form by 1st of June 2008..

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On behalf of Riverstone Muslim cemetery Board

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Riverstone Muslim Cemetery Board Inc.

On behalf of the Muslims of Inner and North Western Sydney

Request for Allocation of suitable land for use as a Muslim cemetery

Riverstone Muslim Cemetery is the only burial ground available to muslims in the Inner and North West of Sydney. Situated on a one-acre land within Riverstone Cemetery, it has an available capacity of approx 800 burial plots. Inner and North West Sydney, covering primarily Blacktown and Baulkham Hills Councils, has a muslim population of just under 20,000 (according to 2006 Census). Current rate of burials is approx 5-8 per week, with the trend on the rise as burial plots become scarce throughout Sydney.

We request the relevant authorities to help identify and consider allocation of suitably zoned land to be used as a cemetery for the Muslims of the area.

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Address for returning the filled petition : Abdul Haq , 87 Aminta Cres., Hassallgrove 2761

Return by : 1st June 2008

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