

## 8 Cemeteries and crematoria

The council has obligations to meet under the Health Act 1956 and the Burials and Cremation Act (BCA) 1964 to ensure that public health is protected.

Since the founding of Wellington City, a number of cemeteries have served the local community. This assessment relates to the two main public cemeteries that are open for burials - Karori and Makara Cemeteries.

Karori Cemetery is New Zealand's second largest burial ground, covering nearly 40 hectares. It is the final resting place of about 75,000 people. The Cemetery has the greatest number of interments of any cemetery in New Zealand and the second highest total number of cremations.

There are other cemeteries not covered by this assessment including Mount Street, Bolton Street, St. Stephen's Cemetery (Tawa), Johnsonville. There are also a number of church cemeteries which are not managed by Council including St Mathew's Church, Holy Trinity Church and the Catholic Church site - all in the Makara and Ohariu Valleys.

### 8.1 Communities

The community will be Wellington City as a whole.

Karori Cemetery has different sections for different cultural, social and spiritual communities including; Catholic, Anglican (Church of England), Public, Jews, Greeks, Russian orthodox and there are groupings of Chinese within the different sections.

### 8.2 Standards

Council provisions for cemeteries and crematoria come from the following documents;

Burials and Cremations Act (1964)

Health Act 1956

Cemetery and Cremation Bylaw