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ANGLERS REST a facility for the disposal of a deceased persons ashes.

As a frequent visitor/angler to our river mouth locations, I have over the years observed persons depositing the cremated ashes of their deceased loved ones on the beaches or in the waters.

This proposal is for sites to be developed in the vicinity of our river mouth locations (Hurunui Waimakariri Rakaia or other major rivers) so that human ashes may be ground buried in an appropriate manner, for little or no cost.

At the time of depositing a deceased persons ashes a specified native tree, shrub or grass be planted to mark the memorial location. The areas designated for this purpose would in the first instance be to a mow-able and in low maintenance state, so that appropriate visual presentation is controllable. The nursery cost of selected native tree, shrub or plant could be that of the deceased estate as well as an option to provide burial and planting service. Also if a plaque or other form of memorial marking be undertaken then that would need to be of a per-determined standard and not obtrusive.

As an example, at McIntosh's on the Waimakariri River, over the stopbank from the Ferry Road entrance there is a considerable area of flat land, which is currently covered mostly in rank grass and rouge trees. This area is subject to some flooding when the river has exceptional high water volumes, more particularly since the earthquake and the land subsided or the riverbed lifted. As a result some land remediation may be required. Other river mouth locations have similar or suitable land for this purpose.

By making available such facilities the advantages that would accrue would be : landscaping/ beautifying enhancement of these areas, controlled disposal of human ashes, options over cemetery disposals and family relief that they have appropriately honored the wishes of their deceased loved one or cherished relation.

For the fulfillment of a per-determined wish by a living person to have their ashes, following death, placed in such a manner would be satisfying given their favoured recreational pursuits at that place. As a suggestion I would propose naming these sites "Anglers Rest"

There is great potential for human ash burials at these locations, based on sports fishing license sales of approximately 14,000 annually in the region of North Canterbury Fish & Game. A similar potential would exist for the region of Central South Island Fish & Game. It would be a safe speculation, that of these licensees an aging population is well represented and I have confidence such an option would be well received and a unique first for Funeral Services options.

If required I would attend a hearing, but would not be available in the months of May August or September.

Rest in peace

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