‘Two Trust model adopted for Liverpool General Cemetery

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, today announced the amalgamation of six denominational trusts to create a new ‘two trust’ model at the Liverpool General Cemetery.

“The Lands and Property Management Authority (LPMA) has been working with the various trusts at Liverpool General Cemetery to rationalise its management,” Mr Kelly said.

“We are pleased to announce a new ‘two trust’ model comprising the existing Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, and a newly amalgamated Liverpool General Cemetery Trust.

The Liverpool General Cemetery spans 9.485 hectares of crown burial land, with the Catholic and Presbyterians being the largest and most active sections.

The Catholic section will continue to remain under the control of the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust which is managed by the Catholic Cemeteries Board.

The new Liverpool General Cemetery Trust will be made up of the remaining trusts representing the Presbyterian, Muslim, Baptist, Uniting Church, Church of England and Seventh Day Adventist sections. The administration term for each of these trusts ends on 31 August 2010.

“There will be representatives from each denomination on the new trust board. This will include the members of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Uniting Church trust boards, and the Chair of the outgoing Muslim trust. The Seventh Day Adventist community will be represented by the office of Trust Services Director, Greater Sydney Conference.”

Existing funds of $2.4 million in the Church of England trust will be transferred to the amalgamated trust. A condition of this transfer is the retention of the Cemetery Support Officer position to be resourced from these funds.

The new model is proposed for an initial period of two years.