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The Victorian Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for overseeing the operation of Victoria's nine crematoria. These facilities currently undertake some 15,000 cremations each year and are managed by a number of cemetery trusts. In recent years, the Department has received several applications to establish additional crematoria facilities. As each of Victoria's crematoria are effectively community owned, DHS requires a method for assessing the suitability of these applications, and is particularly concerned with the long term well being of the overall industry.

Spatial Vision, in conjunction with Marsden Jacob Associates and Cumpston Sarjeant Truslove, has been engaged by DHS to conduct a review of the Crematorium Industry in Victoria. The review will provide the basis for DHS to assess applications to increase the number of crematoria within the State.

Spatial Vision's role is to use spatial analysis techniques to define the areas serviced by each crematorium facility and to forecast future demand for cremations within the State. The demand forecast is based on death projections (produced by Cumpston Sarjeant Truslove) and industry operational data (provided by Marsden Jacob Associates and an extract from the Victorian Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages). Using these data, Spatial Vision will investigate the impacts of additional facilities to determine the optimal placement for crematorium for the State.

The result of the Team's work will be a decision making framework within which DHS can assess the impacts of the proposed facilities.

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