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Inquiry into Petition 017-25 and E-Petition 005-25: Closure of Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre in Rivett

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Submission in Support of Burrangirri Aged Care Respite Centre

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued operation of Burrangirri Respite Centre, a vital institution that plays an essential role in providing care, support, and relief to individuals and families in need. The proposed closure of this facility would have severe consequences for our community, disproportionately affecting vulnerable individuals who rely on its services.

Burrangirri Respite Centre is more than just a service provider; it is a cornerstone of compassionate care, offering a safe space for individuals with complex needs, carers seeking respite, and families navigating challenging circumstances. The impact of its closure would be felt across our community, leading to increased pressure on healthcare services, higher rates of caregiver burnout, and a decline in the overall well-being of those who rely on its essential support.

The importance of respite care cannot be overstated. It ensures that caregivers can continue providing quality care by offering them the necessary relief and support. Without Burrangirri Respite Centre, many families will struggle to find alternative services, placing undue strain on individuals who are already in life-altering circumstances.

I urge policymakers to reconsider any plans to close Burrangirri Respite Centre and instead explore avenues to strengthen and enhance its offerings. Investment in such facilities is an investment in community health, well-being, and resilience. The people who rely on its services deserve security and continuity, not disruption and uncertainty.

I stand in solidarity with those advocating for its preservation and ask that decision-makers prioritise the needs of the community by ensuring that Burrangirri Respite Centre remains open and accessible to all who depend on it.

Warm regards

Meilani Salale

