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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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HCCA Submission: Legislative Assembly Inquiry into the Closure of Burrangiri

Thank you for the opportunity for the Health Care Consumers' Association (HCCA) to provide input to the Inquiry into the Closure of the Burrangiri Respite Care facility in Rivett.

As part of our standard practice, HCCA seeks to consult broadly with health consumers and our organisational members when preparing submissions. This approach ensures that our input reflects the voices, experiences, and concerns of the community. However, due to the limited timeframe for this inquiry, we were unable to undertake our usual consultation process.

HCCA recognises that the respite service provided by the Salvation Army at Burrangiri is highly valued by the community. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to discussions regarding the future of this service and to advocate for continued access to similar supports.

The Burrangiri facility provides a unique and essential service in the ACT. Its closure, without the establishment of a comparable alternative, risks leaving many older people and their carers without a viable, accessible respite option. The absence of such services may result in older individuals being prematurely placed in residential aged care and may place undue pressure on informal carers seeking to support loved ones at home.

It is HCCA's position that the services currently provided by Burrangiri should be maintained until an equivalent and accessible alternative is available.

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We would welcome further engagement on this matter. In particular, HCCA's Health of Older People Consumer Reference Group (CRG) would be pleased to host you at an upcoming meeting to discuss the issues in greater depth and explore potential solutions that ensure continuity of care for older people and their carers.

Should you wish to arrange a meeting with the CRG, please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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