



Extract of minutes of proceedings

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

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 017* – Tuesday, 22 April 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04 pm.

5. Petitions

- 5.1. The Committee noted that petitions E-Pet-005-25 and PET-017-25: Closure of Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre in Rivett were tabled in the Assembly on 8 April 2025 and 10 April 2025 respectively and referred to the Committee under Standing Order 99A.
- 5.2. The Committee noted that Standing Order 99B provides that the Committee must advise the Speaker of its decision to inquire or not within 28 days of the Minister's response to the petition being tabled in the Assembly, and that the Minister's response is due by 8 July 2025.
- 5.3. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, write to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the petition.
- 5.4. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Committee's decision be published on the Committee's website.
- 5.5. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the inquiry submission period close on 12 May 2025, and that a public hearing would be scheduled for the week commencing 19 May 2025.
- 5.6. The Committee requested invitations be sent to the Minister for Health, Federal Minister for Aged Care, Carers ACT, Salvation Army, and the Save Burrangiri Action Group.
- 5.7. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Secretariat draft letters to the Minister for Health and Federal Minister for Aged Care inviting a submission, for circulation and approval out of session.



- 5.8. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Secretariat draft a media release announcing the inquiry, for circulation and approval out of session.

11. Close

- 11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.12 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 018* – Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.05 pm.

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

- 9.1. The Committee noted correspondence received from the office of the Minister for Health on 29 April 2025, making a submission extension request.
- 9.2. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] to grant an extension to the ACT Government to provide its submission by close of business, 13 May 2025.
- 9.3. The Committee discussed availability for public hearings.
- 9.4. The Committee **resolved** [HANSON] that public hearings will be held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025, 1.00pm – 3.00pm and Friday, 23 May 2025, 12.00pm– 2.00pm.
- 9.5. The Committee **resolved** [HANSON] that the secretariat prepare the public hearing schedule for circulation and approval out of session.
- 9.6. The Committee **resolved** [HANSON] that the secretariat be authorised to make adjustments to the timings within the schedule to accommodate witness availability.
- 9.7. The Committee **resolved** [HANSON] that witnesses be invited to make a short opening statement.

13. Close

- 13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.13 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 019* – Tuesday, 20 May 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA, Ms Caitlin Tough MLA



1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02pm.

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

- 3.1. The Committee **resolved** [NUTTALL] to receive and publish the following submissions:

- 3.1.1. Submission 1: Salvation Army Australia
- 3.1.2. Submission 2: Carers ACT
- 3.1.3. Submission 3: Ruth Carter (with redactions)
- 3.1.4. Submission 4: Kirsty (with redactions)
- 3.1.5. Submission 5: Tom Anderson
- 3.1.6. Submission 6: Name withheld
- 3.1.7. Submission 7: Name withheld
- 3.1.8. Submission 8: Neville Jones
- 3.1.9. Submission 9: Maureen Lundy
- 3.1.10. Submission 10: Name withheld
- 3.1.11. Submission 11: Patricia Richardson
- 3.1.12. Submission 12: Christine Johnston
- 3.1.13. Submission 13: Lieta Sauluma-Duggan
- 3.1.14. Submission 14: Name withheld
- 3.1.15. Submission 15: Dr Sue Packer AO
- 3.1.16. Submission 16: Centre for Ageing Research and Translation (CARAT),
University of Canberra
- 3.1.17. Submission 17: Jessie Price
- 3.1.18. Submission 18: ACT Human Rights Commission
- 3.1.19. Submission 19: Peter Morris
- 3.1.20. Submission 20: ACT Health Care Consumers' Association
- 3.1.21. Submission 21: Peter James Duggan

- 3.2. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] to receive and publish the following late submissions:

- 3.2.1. Submission 22: ACT Government
- 3.2.2. Submission 23: Saitalia Salale



- 3.2.3. Submission 24: Meilani Salale
- 3.2.4. Submission 25: Save Burrangiri Action Group
- 3.3. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] to receive the following exhibits:
 - 3.3.1. Exhibit 1: Attachments provided by the Save Burrangiri Action Group.
- 3.4. The Committee noted the following items of outward correspondence related to the inquiry:
 - 3.4.1. Sent 9 May 2025, email to the Save Burrangiri Action Group regarding an extension for submissions.
 - 3.4.2. Sent 13 May 2025, email to Ms Fiona Carrick MLA regarding extensions for submissions.
 - 3.4.3. Sent 13 May 2025, email to the ACT Health Directorate Liaison Officer regarding an extension for the ACT Government submission.
- 3.5. The Committee discussed the inquiry following cancelation of public hearings previous scheduled for 20 and 23 May 2025.

9. Close

- 9.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.47 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 021* – Tuesday, 3 June 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.32 pm.

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

- 6.1. The Committee noted the secretariat's request that proposed recommendations be provided by close of business 6 June 2025, for circulation and discussion at the meeting on 10 June 2025.



9. Close

- 9.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.51 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 022* – Tuesday, 17 June 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA

10. Commencement

- 10.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.03 pm.

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

- 17.1. The Committee discussed proposed recommendations circulated via email on 16 June 2025.
- 17.2. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] to consider a letter to the Minister for Health out of session, seeking clarification on the status of the proposed two-year contract for the Centre, in the event that the status is not made clear by the ACT Government by Friday, 27 June 2025.

18. Close

- 18.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.35 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 023* – Tuesday, 8 July 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Apology: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.02 pm.

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

- 5.1. The Committee noted the following item of inward correspondence:

- 5.1.1. Received 7 July 2025, a letter from the Minister for Health regarding the contract for the Centre.



5.2. The Committee noted that the Chair's draft is currently being prepared by the secretariat.

8. Close

8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.07 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 025* – Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

9. Commencement

9.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.01 pm.

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

10.1. The Committee noted the Minister's response in accordance with Standing Order 100 which was circulated out of session on 20 June 2025.

10.2. The Committee discussed the timeframe for consideration of the Chair's draft report.

11. Close

11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.40 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 027* – Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

12. Commencement

12.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04 pm.

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

13.1. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] to hold a 30-minute meeting on Friday, 26 September 2026 via Microsoft Teams for report consideration.

13.2. The Committee requested the secretariat liaise with Ms Barry's office to ascertain a suitable time between 11.30 am–3.00 pm.

13.3. The Committee noted that major concerns related to the report should be emailed to all Committee members prior to the report consideration meeting.

14. Close



- 14.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.24 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 028* – Friday, 26 September 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

15. Commencement

- 15.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.04 pm.

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

- 16.1. Ms Barry circulated feedback and proposed amendments to the recommendations, and the Committee **agreed** [EMERSON] to delay report consideration until 10 October 2025, to allow members to review individually and provide responses by email noting any agreed amendments.

17. Close

- 17.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12:17 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 029* – Friday, 10 October 2025

Members present: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA (Chair), Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Deputy Chair), Ms Caitlin Tough MLA, Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12.01 pm.

4. Petition 017-25 and E-Petition 005-25: Closure of Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre in Rivett – report consideration

- 4.1. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.
- 4.2. The Committee discussed the recommendations.
- 4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by paragraphs together.
- 4.4. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Pages i to v – agreed to
Page vii to viii – amended and agreed to
Chapter 1 – agreed to
Paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 – agreed to
Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to



Paragraphs 3.1 to 8.8 – agreed to
Paragraph 3.9 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 2 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 3 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 4 – inserted and agreed to
Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8 – agreed to
Recommendation 5 – amended and agreed to
Paragraphs 4.9 to 4.13 – agreed to
Recommendation 6 – amended and agreed to
Paragraphs 4.14 to 4.21 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 7 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 8 – amended and agreed to
Recommendation 9 – inserted and agreed to
Chapter 6 – amended and agreed to
Appendix A – agreed to.

- 4.5. The Committee **resolved** [CHAIR] to adopt the report, as amended.
- 4.6. The Committee **resolved** [TOUGH] that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.
- 4.7. The Committee agreed to circulate the report through the Speaker when the Assembly is not sitting in the week commencing 13 October 2025.
- 4.8. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided to the Secretariat at least a day before circulation through the Speaker. Dissenting reports are not circulated to Members prior to this.
- 4.9. The Committee noted that the Chair must table the report in the Assembly on the next sitting day, which occurs on 21 October 2025.
- 4.10. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.11. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.12. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [EMERSON] to adopt the media release.
- 4.13. The Committee **endorsed** [EMERSON] the draft speaking notes for report tabling.

7. Close

- 7.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12:44pm.
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All minutes are signed by the Chair.



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Ms Katie Langham
Committee Secretary
20 October 2025

