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Good evening

I would like to raise my concerns that there is a submission to increase funding for abortion in the ACT.

I understand there is already funding coming from Medicare and private medical insurance to pay for this.

Our emergency services and other life saving health services are so stretched here in Canberra. Someone dear to me was told to wait for more than two years for elective surgery that could save his reproductive system ( he is only 15 years old), my husband almost died waiting for appropriate care and had to endure a 6 hour operation to remove his gangrenous gallbladder after days of waiting.

We need to put money into saving lives, not terminating them.

Yours sincerely  
Bernadette Ellis

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