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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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As residents of Canberra, we would like to respond to this Proposal. Because one of our family members attends this centre several times a week, we have seen the benefits that she receives, and we heartily condemn such a Proposal.

Many of the attendees, while living at home, attend Burrangiri daily and enjoy safety, support, friendly encouragement and a freshly prepared tasty lunch, which is cooked right there in the central kitchen. They have company and the option to take part in crafts and games with others in easy groups. The people who give of their time to do all these valuable tasks, do it cheerfully and willingly. It is a 'home from home' environment and gives the attendees enormous comfort and stability.

For these people, it is also most valuable when their families need to take a break from their caring responsibilities. The beautifully fitted bedrooms become a valuable option for the old people to spend a few nights there, up to 15, I believe, while their carers are having a chance to spend time away with their families.

This is unquestionably a most valuable opportunity for all and thus benefits the wider community as well.

Australia's Constitution claims to care for the old and frail. By closing down a haven like Burrangiri, you are denying the rights of many people who are unable to claim these rights for themselves. We speak urgently, on their behalf.

We say: Build more havens like Burrangiri for Australia's old people; They built the Australia of today for you, is this how you show your Gratitude?

Sincerely,

