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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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[REDACTED] and I worked at Burrangiri for 10 years.

During that time I filled shifts as a Care Assistant but my regular role was Co ordinator of the Day Care program.

I experienced the fear of people unable to leave their family member alone while they worked, attended appointments etc.

Burrangiri Day program filled a huge gap, providing professional care, loving and friendly environment and nourishing morning and afternoon teas with a two course lunch, all prepared on-site. No frozen/reheat meals.

Many people provided musical entertainment, including choirs, talented classical performers and fun days, dressing up and dancing.

As a retired 78year old, with no living siblings a deceased husband and only child, I was always confident that a place at Burrangiri would provide excellent post hospital care for me in the event of an unexpected surgery.

All my living nieces etc live in Tasmania and would have to make huge sacrifices to provide care.

I am completely flabbergasted that people in authority cannot accept that the elderly do not need daily showering and private ensuite facilities.

As a fully qualified Aged Care Worker, it is much safer to have a supervised showering area than an ensuite where a person can randomly enter a scalding hot/ or freezing shower without supervision, especially with a dementia diagnosis. ♀

Commode chairs are available for private toileting and for years have been used safely.

If some changes have to be made, we'll implement them, but don't strip the community of a perfectly run facility! Work around it.

I am happy to provide a personal submission if required.
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