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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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I wish to make a submission to the inquiry into the proposed closure of Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre. I am a 80 year old retired GP in reasonable health. My husband is 86 & has multiple health problems of long standing. He is on an aged care package with Baptist Care & we have good support. However 8 months ago demands & stress on me had become intolerable . I tried multiple nursing homes for a bed without success & Carers ACT was not helpful ; then a friend suggested Burrangiri. I went to assess it & was delighted with what I found. A clean, friendly, professional & well run establishment.

I might add that as a full time Medical Professional for 35 years I have been in many similar places , both here & in the UK.

We all know that the population is aging & that it is much cheaper to support an elderly person at home than in a residential situation. We know also that the Carer of an elderly person is often elderly also & therefore needs an occasional break from caring duties for rest & renewal. What an indictment of society if both people end up in hospital because of lack of support. !

Rachel Stephen- Smith has written to me & stated that “ If the Albanese Government is re-elected \$10million in new funding will be delivered for additional aged care respite beds in the ACT. The funding to go to a provider for either a new facility or to extend an existing facility .”

So my question is – why not leave Burrangiri open, providing an essential service as it does, until this occurs one way or the other.?

I remain Yours sincerely Maureen Lundy (Dr Maureen Bremner MBChB , DA, D.Obs RCOG)
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