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Ms Sandra Lambert AM

Chair, ACT Remuneration Tribunal

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Dear Ms Lambert *Sandra*

Under section 10(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* I have signed the attached instrument in relation to a new Board established by the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2024* (the Act).

I would appreciate your consideration of the remuneration, allowances and other entitlements for the Chair and members of the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying Oversight Board (the Oversight Board). The Oversight Board must be operational upon the legislative commencement of the Act functions on 3 November 2025. To meet this requirement, I expect the Oversight Board will need to be in place for onboarding by late September 2025.

The functions of the Oversight Board will be to monitor the operation of the Act, analyse and monitor requests for voluntary assisted dying, maintain appropriate record keeping of board activities and report at least annually. Additionally, the Oversight Board can refer any issues identified in relation to voluntary assisted dying to specialist stakeholders including: the Chief Police Officer, the Coroner, the Director-General of ACT Health Directorate, the Human Rights Commission or the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

The Act requires the Minister for Health to appoint at least four but no more than seven members, including a Chair and a Deputy Chair, if required. Each member must have knowledge and expertise in one or more relevant areas such as medicine, nursing, pharmacy, ethics, law, or representatives for health care consumers, people with disability or carers.

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The Oversight Board has a retrospective regulatory oversight role. The decisions of the Oversight Board will indirectly regulate the practice of authorised health practitioners providing voluntary assisted dying services in accordance with the Act.

I recommend that members of the Oversight Board be remunerated \$505 per diem, and \$590 per diem for the Chair. The proposed per diem payment for the Chair and members is equivalent to the Clinical Leadership Forum, Disability Reference Group and Mental Health Advisory Council.

I have attached a Public Office Holder Questionnaire and the Voluntary Assisted Dying Oversight Board draft Terms of Reference providing more information to assist the Remuneration Tribunal.

Should you require further information in relation to this request, please contact Mr Toby Keene, Executive Branch Manager, Ageing & End of Life, ACT Health Directorate, via email at Toby.Keene@act.gov.au.

I would like to thank the Remuneration Tribunal for assisting with the establishment of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Oversight Board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr', is positioned above the printed name.

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Chief Minister

9 September 2024

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