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Dear [Title and Surname]

**Re: Inclusion of End of Life Doulas in the Support at Home Program**

I am writing to express my concern and deep disappointment regarding the current exclusion of **end of life doulas** from the *End of Life Pathway* in the upcoming **Support at Home Program** due to commence in July 2025.

End of life doulas are a growing community-based workforce trained to provide compassionate non-clinical support to individuals and families during one of life’s most profound experiences — the dying process. With a nationally accredited qualification now available and NSW offering subsidised training through Smart & Skilled, doulas are increasingly sought after by families and community care providers across Australia.

Yet despite this, doulas have been entirely left out of the End of Life Pathway model. I believe this is a missed opportunity with significant consequences for our ageing population, our palliative care system and the wellbeing of families during end of life care.

Doulas provide practical planning support, emotional presence, cultural sensitivity and continuity of care that complements — not replaces — medical and clinical services. They offer cost-effective holistic support that can help more people to remain at home if that is their preference, reduce pressure on hospitals and ease the burden on families and carers.

I urge you to raise this issue within your party and among your colleagues. The people designing the Support at Home Program must be made aware of this emerging workforce — ready, trained, death-literate and working on the ground across our communities.

Please consider supporting the recognition and integration of end of life doulas into aged care policy. This is an essential step toward ensuring person-centred, accessible and meaningful end of life care for all Australians.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further on this matter if appropriate.

Warm regards

**[Your Name]**
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