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Evans Community Options is a community based organisation that provides support to frail aged people and people with disabilities to allow them to live in their own homes. Assisting people living in Bathurst Regional Council, Oberon, Blayney, Lithgow and Kandos/Rylstone.

As an organisation we find the OHS Act **very unclear** when defining the workplace. We have adopted an approach that all clients' homes and community venues are deemed to be the workplace for our workers and volunteers. *We would appreciate some clarity and definitions regarding our responsibility in this instance.*

With Australia's ageing population there continues to be an increase in funding for services to be provided in people's homes rather than placing people in residential institutions.

We are involved in many community organisations that have similar problems defining what our responsibilities are and how to ensure clients understand what it means to make their home a safe workplace and be willing to make changes to their homes for the safety of our workers and volunteers.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and thank for this opportunity to forward our comments regarding your report

Yours sincerely

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