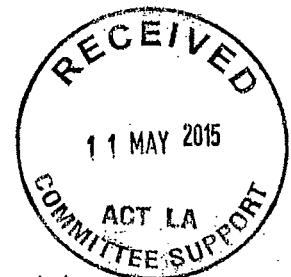




The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Smyth

RE: Inquiry into elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs Sector



On behalf of Parentline ACT I wish to submit a comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for over 7 years and each year we receive a grant of \$1500-\$2000 to support Parentline's Paint and Play activity for pre-school aged children and their parents or carers activity in Ainslie.

Because of the support received from the Southern Cross Club and other Clubs in Canberra we are able to continue to assist in the early childhood development of pre-school aged children and provide family support and free telephone counselling to parents and carers with parenting issues and challenges.

Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the services we can to the Community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if our Club was not there to support us.

Parentline Act does not currently receive any government funding and therefore we are reliant on the support of organisations such as the Southern Cross Club.

The assistance of the Club industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with **Canberra Southern Cross Club** and is something that can only be maintained by the Club if they are able to remain a viable community asset. We trust that your Committee will see the invaluable role the Clubs play in our community and in particular in the support they give to the not for profit, volunteer sector that is focussed on helping transform the lives of families and children in the ACT

Yours sincerely

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