



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

Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of the *Central Spears Gridiron Club* I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The *Canberra Southern Cross Club* has been a great supporter of our organisation for the last two years and to date we have received \$2,500 in cash support and approximately \$300 value in non-monetary assistance.

Because of the support we received, we are able to pay the entry fees for the local ACT Gridiron Competition, as well as pay for our training costs (i.e. Oval costs) and safety equipment for our players (Gridiron helmets and pads).

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.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Committee Member
Central Spears Gridiron Club

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