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Dear Mr Smyth,



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

On behalf of Hockey ACT I wish to comment on the above Inquiry.

The Canberra Labor Club Group has supported our organisation for almost 13 years and during this time our organisation has been generously supported through financial funding between \$16,000 and \$20,000 each year. The long-time support offered by the Canberra Labor Club is utilised across a range of areas within Hockey ACT with the main support directed towards the Australian Hockey League (AHL) Women's program.

The AHL is Australia's premier National domestic hockey competition and is widely recognised as one of the strongest and most competitive National leagues in the world. The AHL provides an important platform for aspiring Australian representatives and acts as the 'stepping stone' for hockey's future international stars. Our ACT men's and women's teams are made up of the most talented players from the ACT hockey region.

Hockey ACT's Australian Hockey League team, the Canberra Labor Club Strikers have been one of the most successful women's hockey team's since the inception of the Australian Hockey League, regularly featuring in the finals. The generous support from the Canberra Labor Club significantly reduces the individual cost placed on our elite athletes to travel to this tournament. Despite the generous contribution from the Canberra Labor Club and Hockey ACT, each player is still required to make a financial contribution to the team costs. The support provided by the Canberra Labor Club



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significantly reduces the financial strain placed on our athletes and allows us to field the quality of players we currently do due to this reduced cost.

The Canberra Labor Club's support goes beyond monetary contribution by also assisting our organisation in supplying equipment and venue hire for our annual presentation night held in September. The club has been wonderful supporters of this event for many years and always ensure the event is run to the highest possible standard.

We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill this void if the Canberra Labor Club was unable to support us as they currently do.

The assistance of the Club Industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with the Canberra Labor Club Group and is something that can only be maintained by the Club if they are able to remain a viable community asset.

We believe that the Clubs of the ACT play an invaluable role in our community.

Yours sincerely



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