



National Self-Help Group for Widowed People

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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
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Copy: CEO - Mr Ian Mackay - Canberra Southern Cross Club.

Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of Solace ACT Inc I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for at least 23 years and each year we receive use of meeting rooms, help with photocopying of newsletter and other relevant paperwork. In addition to participation in and allocation of a grant, with many other organisations, as part of the Community Grants given out by the Canberra Southern Cross Club

Because of our Clubs support, we are able to get out into the Community and help newly bereaved people, who have lost their partner. Giving them the benefits of a self help group, whose members all understand what impact their loss is having on their life, and helping them to walk through their grief with understanding, friendship and support.

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

Pam

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President
Solace ACT Inc.*