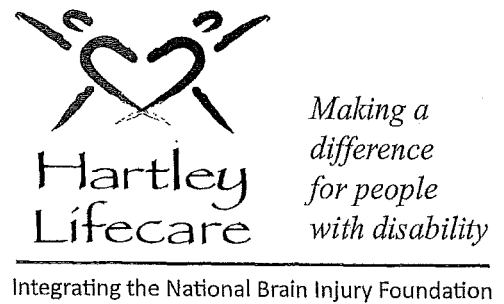


The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
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Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of Hartley Lifecare Inc I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above. Since 1962 Hartley Lifecare has provided high quality residential, recreational, respite and community services for children and adults with physical and complex disabilities.



The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for over 16 years and each year we receive a minimum of \$1000 in support of programs we provide to those living with disability in the ACT.

Because of our Clubs support, we are able to apply each year to their Annual Community Support Grant round. These grants have directly supported people living with disability through our Intentional Community, our Recreation Program, our Cuisine Team and Community Program. We are also lucky enough to have support toward room hire and equipment hire fees when we hold fundraising events.

Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation would simply not be able to provide the level of support through our programs in the ACT. Without funding for these much needed programs people living with disability in our community would not be able to participate in activities that you and I take for granted. It is difficult to attract such regular loyal support from other organisations or government agencies; we worry who might be 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 helping charities to help people in need.

Yours sincerely

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