



21 May 2015

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 Saints Netball Association, I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The Canberra Irish Club has been a great supporter of our organisation for the last 15 years and each year we have received between \$3,500 to \$6,000 in sponsorship. In 2013 they were also major financial supporters of a fundraiser we held for 3 of our families dealing with cancer at the time.

Because of this support from the club we have been able to keep our registration fees at a lower rate, offer discounted registration to struggling families and support players selected in regional and ACT representative teams.

Without this partnership with the Canberra Irish Club, our organisation would simply not be in a position to 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 the Canberra Irish 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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Treasurer
Saints netball Association

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