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

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

On behalf of Better Hearing Australia Canberra Inc I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above. Our organisation is run by volunteers and receives no government funding so we need assistance to run our program.

The **Hellenic Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for more than 15 years and each year we receive a significant benefit from the Club which provides accommodation that enables us to offer aural rehabilitation sessions to members of the ACT community who need this assistance.

Because of this assistance, we are able to present aural rehabilitation sessions each week which are not available from other organisations. Last year we presented 40 hearing loss management sessions at the Hellenic Club which offers a safe environment for members of the ACT community with a hearing loss to meet.

Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation would simply not be able to provide the range of 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 **Hellenic 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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Chairman
Better Hearing Australia Canberra Inc

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