

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 the Eastlake Cricket Club I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above. The Eastlake Cricket Club includes five men's senior teams, a women's side and 16 x junior teams.

The Eastlake Football Club (EFC) has been a great supporter of our organisation for **25 or more** years and each year we receive \$25k in direct sponsorship and many other benefits such as free use of EFC club rooms for our committee meetings and functions that would also extend to many thousands of dollars.

Because of the support given by EFC we are able to fund the annual cricket club costs to hire three ovals, pay curators for turf wickets and cover umpire fees - all of which add to well over \$40 k pa in a club where total annual costs of over \$100k are otherwise covered by player subscriptions, given there is no ACT Govt funding to cricket clubs.

Without this partnership with the EFC Club, our cricket organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the services we do to the Community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if the EFC was not there to support us.

The assistance of the Club industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with EFC and is something that can only be maintained for us all if Clubs are able to remain a viable community asset. In this respect too, all our players and family gather at the EFC club for meals and the role of the club is key in keeping social entities in touch 'off the field too'.

We trust that your Committee will see the invaluable role the Eastlake Football Club and other clubs play in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Winter
President
Eastlake Cricket Club

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