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RE INQUIRY INTO ELEMENTS IMPACTING ON THE FUTURE OF THE ACT CLUBS SECTOR

Dear Mr Smyth,

We are writing in support of the ongoing value of the contribution to the community by the members of Clubs ACT, with reference in particular to their support of Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Please see our family story attached for the background as to why this support is so important to our family.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) provide many programs to assist people living in NSW and ACT with Cerebral Palsy. Programs that have assisted our son Shea in the past have included orthotic clinic and assistive technology. With our current transition to NDIS we will be moving from ACT government funded Therapy ACT to CPA for all therapies (speech, occupational and physiotherapy) as well as psychology and specialised equipment. Looking to the future we will rely on CPA for mentoring and assistance with the transition from the school environment to the workforce.

In order for CPA to expand their local ACT services to cater for the new structure of the NDIS it was necessary to move to larger purpose built premises. The past and continuing support that Clubs ACT members have provided has been instrumental in CPA being able to provide the expanded services now required by the people of the ACT living with Cerebral Palsy.

Many of the sporting organisations that our family belong to also rely on support from the clubs industry.

Thank you for your time,

(submitted electronically)

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