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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 the Canberra Labor Club Golf Club (social) I wish to comment on the above Inquiry.

The Canberra Labor Club Group has supported our organisation for 50 years (originally the Canberra Workers' Club). Following the demise of the Workers' Club the Labor Club takeover carried on with support by contributing monetary benefits as well as support for yearly functions held at the the Labor Club for AGMs and on our yearly presentation nights.

Canberra Workers' Club Golf Club (now the Canberra Labor Club Golf Club) — an abbreviated history

This small golf club is one of the longest running social clubs in Canberra. Officially formed in 1965 by a small band of men from the old Canberra Workers' Club in the city and ably assisted by the mother club with an initial grant of 10 pounds.

To assist fund weekly trophies and prizes a chocolate wheel and chook raffle were held at the mother club on Friday afternoons and a silver circle raffle was a fund raiser for the yearly presentation night.

The club membership has ebbed and flowed from a maximum of 100 players in the 1970s, to 30–40 players in the 1980s. In 2015 we currently have between 60–70 players on our books.

The grants we receive assist in funding our weekly prizes and yearly trophy engravings for perpetual trophies that are presented in a dinner at the Canberra Labor Club each September/October as well as our biennial event against the Revesby Workers' Club.

The grants also greatly subsidise the purchase of club shirts/caps/bucket hats that present a strong team environment.

Our club consists of retirees, trades people, public servants and others from Canberra and the surrounding areas.

Without this sponsorship our organisation would not have been able to maintain this small and social community club. The contributions have enabled us to:

- initially subsidise players fees enabling them to play weekly golf;
- purchase club attire and deliver at subsidised prices;
- maintain an event against the Revesby Workers' Club. This event is a yearly home and away competition that has been ongoing for 50 years. The Labor Club's

contributions greatly assist in subsidising each player's away expenses that enable the golf club to maintain a viable number of golfers for each away trip;

- have a presentation night. As well as the sponsorship contributing to the purchase of trophies, shirt embroidery and dinner subsidies the Labor Club also supplies the golf club with a function room for the event.

The Labor Club has enabled the golf club to present to the public, on a weekly basis, a group of golfers representing the Canberra community. The club is well respected by the golf courses we play at and are a welcomed group. The sponsorship also enables the golf club to support the ACT with its weekly contribution.

We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if the Canberra Labor Club was not there to support us.

The assistance of the Club Industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with the Canberra Labor Club Group and is something that can only be maintained by the Club if they are able to remain a viable community asset.

We believe that the Clubs of the ACT play an invaluable role in our community.

Yours sincerely

Les Brown
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Canberra Labor Club Golf Club