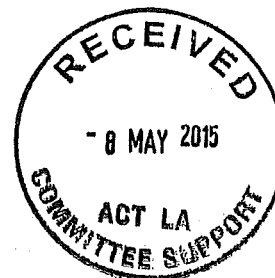


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Dear Mr Smyth

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.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for more than 10 years and each year we apply and receive a grant from the Club of between \$1000 and \$1500.

Because of the Club's assistance, we are able to carry out projects each year to support the hearing impaired in the Canberra community. Last year we established an electronic newsletter and in the coming year we hope to run a workshop to educate the hearing impaired and their families on how to improve communication with each other.

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 **Canberra Southern Cross 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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