



West's Rugby

The Committee Secretary
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Dear Mr Smyth,

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

On behalf of Western District Rugby Union Club (West's), I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above particularly on term of reference number one.

West's are a local community rugby club that has a long history of supporting community activities. The club is extremely proud to train and mentor players from u5's right through to the Super Rugby and Wallabies level. West's are also able to support the local charities and donate many hours to the less fortunate every year.

The Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) has been a great supporter of our organisation for over eight years and each year we receive a significant financial contribution to assist with the rugby clubs operations for the year.

Because of the CSCC's support, we are able to:

- and meeting rooms to our members; Provide free function
- serviced officer for our rugby administration, coaching and player welfare duties; Provide a fully
- promote junior rugby union; Support, coach and
- premier senior rugby competition; Participate in the local
- Brumbies and support rugby activities in local school; Work with ACT
- through fundraisers, including the Cerebral Palsy Alliance; and Support local charities
- lifestyles with all our members. Promote active

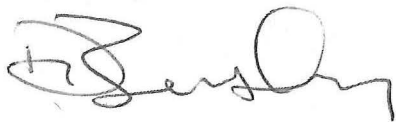
The CSCC also provides employment opportunities to our players and members. Without this partnership with CSCC, our organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the level of services we currently are to the community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if our Club was not there to support us.

In this context, whilst outside of the existing terms of reference, Wests request that any proposed changes need to be assessed in the context of their potential impact on the local sporting community, as well as economic and social wellbeing of Canberra. All of these components are all intrinsically linked and should be considered in the wider context.

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 CSCC play in our community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bensley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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