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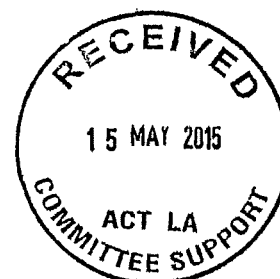
Monday, 11th May 2015

The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Dear Mr Smyth

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



I refer to the abovementioned and wish to comment in regard to the invaluable support **Marymead** has received from the **Canberra Southern Cross Club** over the past 40 plus years.

As a family friendly organisation, the Club has always felt an affinity for the work undertaken by our organisation and has been one of our longest standing supporters.

In 2008, the Club decided to increase it's support for several key organisations within the local community, in addition to the ongoing and in-kind support it was already providing. As a result, the Club contributed \$120,000 to **Marymead** over four years, which was used to assist with the funding of the 'Circle of Security Program' - a 20 week intensive group counselling course which helps to build bonding and attachment between parents and young children. The Club believed that by offering support at this critical time in a parent and child's relationship, significant progress can be made, which has since been clearly demonstrated by the many families within the Canberra community who have taken part in this important program.

This vital funding came at a time when early intervention received very little Government support, and it is without doubt that this crucial program would have struggled to survive had it not been for the amazing support of the **Canberra Southern Cross Club**.

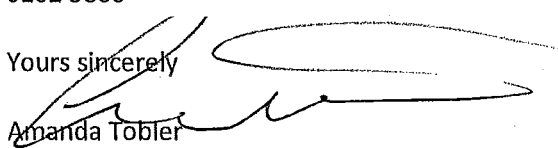
In addition to the funding just mentioned, the Club continues to provide ongoing support to **Marymead** and this year is hosting the **Marymead** Glitz & Glamour Ball, a fundraising initiative made possible by generous financial incentives offered to us by the Club.

In summary, we firmly believe that the support we have received from the **Canberra Southern Cross Club** since it's inception in 1972, has made a significant impact to our ability in providing the vast range of programs and services that we do, throughout the local community each year.

We trust that your committee will see the invaluable role the **Canberra Southern Cross Club**, and licensed clubs in general, play in our community.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me personally on
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Yours sincerely



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