



The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
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Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of University of the 3rd Age ACT – Musical Theatre Appreciation Class I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The **Canberra Irish Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for about 6 years and each year we receive sponsorship in the form of free use of their main function room and use of their PA system

Because of our Clubs support, we are able to conduct our U3A Musical Theatre Appreciation course for over 100 Canberra senior citizens each week. This provides a valuable learning experience for Canberra seniors which improves their quality of life. It would be difficult and expensive to source such a venue in the private market.

Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the 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 Irish 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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