



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 ***Riding for the Disabled Association of the ACT Inc. (Pegasus)*** I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

Eastlake Football Club has been a great supporter of our organisation for **6** years and each year we receive an amount of \$20,000 to support our volunteer cohort of more than 300 individuals. These funds have provided the only financial support that Pegasus receives to manage Pegasus' huge volunteer cohort. The withdrawal of these funds by the Club are impacting on our operations significantly, and reduced our ability to provide a quality volunteer program that provides ongoing training and engagement.

The recurrent funding that Eastlake provided ensured we could plan and budget for our volunteer activities and their associated cost. Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation will continue to decline in its operational and volunteer capacity. Given the changes that disability organisations have to make with the NDIS frameworks; its impacts and costs to adopt the new scheme, this hinders our ability to move to the new framework seamlessly.

The assistance of the Club industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with ***Eastlake*** 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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